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BOMBARDMENT OF TSINGTAO IMMINENT

Twenty Warships Assembled Off Shantung Port

MAY DIVERT INTEREST

PRISON FOOD CONTRACT QUESTIONS

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock will ask the following questions:

With reference to the report of the Prisons Committee, will the Government state—

- (1) On what date was that report sent in by that Committee to the Government?
- (2) Is the Government, in regard to the supply of food to prisoners during the year 1938, following the recommendations of that Committee? If not will the Government state in what respects it is not following the recommendations of that Committee and for what reasons?
- (3) What Officer of the Gaol is responsible for recommending to the Tender Board the acceptance of a particular tender for the supply of food to prisoners?
- (4) Who is the proprietor of or who are the partners in the Hop Kee which is referred to in that part of the said Committee's report which relates to food? Are not the Hop Kee also the present contractors for the supply of food to the Queen Mary Hospital?

CINEMA FIRE DISASTER IN JAPAN

Tokyo, 2 p.m. To-day.

A terrible cinema theatre fire disaster occurred in Honda village, Wakayama Prefecture, near Osaka yesterday evening in which 48 persons lost their lives.

Fire broke out in the theatre during the filming of a news reel depicting scenes in the Sino-

CANTON PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

Tsingtao, 2 p.m., To-day.

More than twenty Japanese warships are reported to have assembled in the immediate vicinity of Tsingtao within the past 24 hours, and it is feared that the bombardment of the port is imminent.

Japanese sources, however, indicate that any attack will probably be delayed until the Japanese forces now bidding to attack Shantung from the south reach Hsichow, the Japanese programme envisaging the complete encirclement of the province.

It is thought unlikely that the troops now on the north bank of the Yellow River will move until orders are given for a simultaneous attack, troops from north and south co-operating with naval action at Tsingtao.—Our Own Correspondent.

CANTON FEARS

Canton, To-day. Although Canton has resigned itself to the prospects of hostilities in South China, and feverish military activities are reported to be taking place, including the arrival of several thousand Kwangsi troops in Kwangtung, usually well-informed Chinese and foreign sources hesitate to give full credence to recent rumours that a Japanese invasion is likely, at least for the present.

TIME RIPE

It is admitted that the time is ripe for Canton to share the fate of other big cities throughout China, but the likelihood of trouble in Tsingtao, where the outlook has become suddenly ominous, may temporarily divert attention from the south, where all sources agree a Japanese campaign would be most likely to prove extremely expensive, necessitating the employment of their

best man-power.

REFUGEES KEEP UP PACE
Chinese refugees are still crowding Hong Kong steamers, fearing that opportunities for evacuation may not be available later.

Student bodies who have been very quiet for this part of China are now coming to the forefront and the vernacular papers report that anti-Japanese demonstrations and mass meetings are to be expected in the near future.—Reuter.

San Diego (California), To-day. Nine United States destroyers suddenly sailed last night for San Pedro under orders on which naval officials said they were unable to comment.

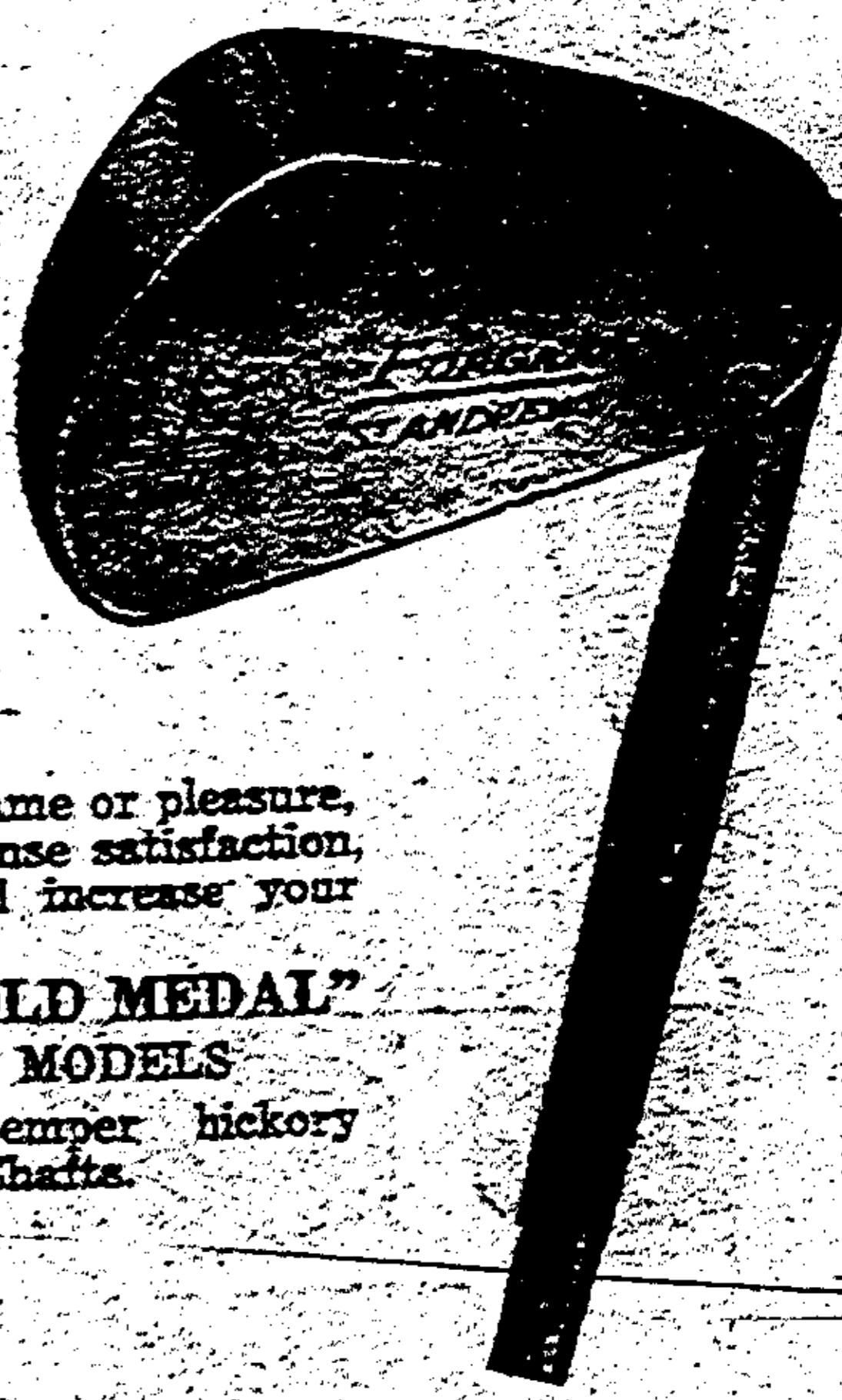
The warships were due to pro-day, were summoned from theatres and places of amusement and ordered to return to their ships.

The warships were due to proceed on cruises to foreign ports early in the New Year.

High officers of the destroyer flotilla said they did not know why the ships were suddenly ordered out.—Reuter.

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A NEW COLOUR WILL—

WHAT'S FOR PUDDING?

Something new—and something good.

FLEET-STREET PUDDING

Quarter-up butter, two egg yolks, one-and-a-half cups flour, three teaspoons baking powder, quarter-teaspoon vanilla essence, one cup castor sugar, half-cup milk, 1½ oz unsweetened chocolate, two whites of eggs, one tablespoon made coffee.

Cream butter, add half the sugar by degrees, beat yolks of eggs till thick and honey coloured, add gradually to it remainder of sugar.

Stir mixtures together, add milk alternately with flour sifted with baking powder, a pinch of salt, and a saltspoon of ground cinnamon.

Stir in melted chocolate, fold in lightly stiffly frothed whites of eggs and vanilla, and bake in a tin with a hole in the centre or steam in a similar mould.

Fill centre with whipped cream, sweetened and flavoured to taste, and pour round the following sauce.

Sauce: Boil one cup castor sugar with half-cup water and a few grains of cream of tartar until a clear syrup.

Melt 1½ oz unsweetened chocolate, and pour on to it gradually, stirring all the time, the hot syrup. Flavour with quarter-teaspoon vanilla.

The pudding can be served either hot or cold, but the sauce must be hot.

Change The Shape Of Your Room!

I AM watching a woman in a wall-paper shop.

"Oh, yes—the green—I must have the green," she is saying.

"It will set off my chairs. So restful green, don't you think?"

"But, madam—the curtains you said they were—"

"I like contrasts," replied Madam with some asperity, "Nature is full of contrasts and Nature never clashes."

She took the green. I know that she had maroon tapestry chairs, a brownish carpet, curtains with spots, multicoloured ornaments. She had a carrying voice.

Her room will look like a herbaceous border, and that will please her. Nature is her decorator and can do no wrong.

Half your house problems are about colours.

Every post brings me letters saying, "Choose me a colour scheme . . . make me a chart . . . what will go with this and that?"

Most people are afraid of colour. Uncertain of its effects and its possibilities. Nine rooms out of ten

play for safety and look dull.

For years decorators and architects have encouraged porridge-coloured walls because they offer no problems. Colour does to a room what make-up does to a face—gives it character, vitality, interest. Or wrecks the whole thing.

I can't fix up individual colour schemes unless I see inside houses with my own eyes or through the post. But I can give you some sound rules and lots of ideas.

Two things should guide a colour scheme. The aspect of the room and the people who are going to live in it.

Generally speaking, colour sets the temperature of a room.

In a north room grey, green or blue is chill and depressing. All these colours have "warm" shades, and modern decorators sometimes use them, but the rule for north and north-east rooms is against cold colours.

Peach, yellow, biscuit, all the dusty pinks, are good north-room colours.

BEIGE NEEDN'T BE DULL

In sunny rooms the reverse is true! Vivid yellows and all the reddish shades will make them look restless and over-heated. In my own experience I have found that positive and very decided colour schemes look best in east and west rooms.

Beige is a trick colour.

It is listed amongst the "safe" colours, but is one of the most difficult to treat. Only very subtle contrasts will make it "come alive," and yet two out of four problems begin by matching your rooms up to beige.

Stop thinking beige belongs to the brown family, and introduce it to pine green, a deep sapphire blue or a rich plum purple.

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Have some definite scheme in your mind.

A flower, a piece of good china, a length of chintz or embroidery will give you a plan to work upon. You want a rose and green bedroom. So many shades of rose and green can be wrong. Get a fox-glove, or a rose, or an aster, and take it with you when you choose wallpaper and paint.

You needn't be slavish about the actual colour if you stick to the tone. I did this myself once with a bunch of grapes. I got the deep purple, the grey of the "bloom,"

DAILY DISH

Many women think that there are only two ways to cook a chop. I know that from the letters I receive, asking me to give a chop recipe that is different. Here it is:

BRAISED STUFFED MUTTON "CHOPS"

Four loin chops, ½ cup diced turnip, ½ cup sliced onion, 1 cup diced carrot, ½ cup sliced celery, 1 cup stock or water, salt and pepper to taste.

Mix vegetables in a basin. Place in the bottom of a fireproof dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Either grill or pan-grill chops till brown on both sides. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

Arrange side-by-side on top of vegetables. Add stock or water and cover closely. Bake in a slow oven for two hours, if chops are thick. If thin, bake for one and a half hours.

Enough for four persons.

ELIZABETH CRAIG

the green of the leaves, the wood brown of the stalks into my room.

I use wedgewood plates, cottage pottery, scraps of ribbon and wall paper and carpet when I work out colour schemes. I collect samples of every kind of material. My rag-bag is like a rainbow.

If I get miniature harmony on my desk I know the room will look good.

Now for some of the magic you can make with colour.

You can almost rebuild—to the eye at least—a long, narrow room by having three rooms a pale, plain colour and the fireplace wall papered with a rich dark paper or with one of the exquisite modern "wood" papers.

You can bring the ceiling down in one of those rooms which go up and up by painting the ceiling some shades darker than the walls.

A definitely coloured or patterned ceiling above plain pastel walls is a good idea for a large, light room which wants to look different.

Paintwork, ceiling and walls all exactly the same colour will add feet to small rooms.

Make a frame for a special piece of furniture with a contrasting panel of colour behind it. This can be best done with wallpaper, and is especially good behind a bed which is set in an alcove.

Deep cream walls and paint throughout one floor will make a small house spacious.

Vivid people are best served by quiet, cool rooms. Blue is soothing, green is restful. Yellow stimulates, reds and purples can be irritating. Boys hate pink.

Copy Nature if you like, but keep your copies single.

The P. and O. s.s., "Corfu" left Singapore on the 18th instant and is due here to-day at about 4 p.m.

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12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Geraldo and His Orchestra and Kitty Masters (Vocal).
Swing Time—Selection (Kern, Fields).
Orchestra.
Love Is Like A Cigarette (Kent and Jerome).
A Melody For The Sky (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine').
Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Butler, Damerell and Evans).
Kitty Masters.
Noche De Reves—Tango (Mafis).
The Lady In Red—Rumba (film 'In Caliente').
Does Your Heart Beat?—Fox-Trot (Parish, Morgan, Johnson).
You've Got Dust On Your Coat—Fox-Trot (Bell, Burt).
Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.6
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.8
1.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Report and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: A well-known lady resident of Hong Kong. Subject: The Spirit of Christmas.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Out Again—In Again!

Every one is familiar with the saw that he would have his work cut out for him to avoid the loss of expression, "money makes money." The analogy in bridge is that tricks make tricks. In the South hand shown below there are actually five potential losers. The influence of the eight sure winners, however, is so strong that, under proper management, and aided by some good fortune, three of the losers turn into winners. The hand further demonstrates how extremely irksome leading can become, when every lead a player makes costs him one trick. South, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—9 8 6 3
H.—9 7 4
D.—8 6 3
C.—10 7 5

WEST

S.—K 5
H.—Q 8 5 2
D.—K 9 2
C.—Q 6 4 3

EAST

S.—7 4 2
H.—10 6 3
D.—J 7 5 4
C.—9 8 2

SOUTH

S.—A Q J 10
H.—A K J
D.—A Q 10
C.—A K J

The bidding:

South	West	North
2 spades	Pass	2 no trump
3 no trump	Pass	4 spades
5 spades	Pass	Pass

East	Pass
Pass	Pass

The bidding is decidedly not recommended. South's first bid should be three no trump, which should end the bidding. In the Culbertson system an opening three no trump bid is precisely descriptive of a hand divided 4-3-3-3 and containing seven to eight honour tricks.

West was up against it for an opening lead and, with nothing to guide him, chose the heart deuce. When dummy was exposed declarer

TODAY'S WIRELESS

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's :: ZEK 640 k.c's

1.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
1.35 p.m.—Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell and The Hill Billies.
One Night Of Love (from the film).
When The Robin Sings His Song Again (Parish and Coots).
Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert, Young).
Gracie Fields.
Sandy The Detective (Comedy Sketch).
Sandy Powell and Company.
Ole Faithful (Carr).
Take Me Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carr).
Riding The Range In The Sky (Carton).
The Hill Billies.
3.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.
8.30 p.m.—Schubert "Unfinished" Symphony (No. 8 in B Minor).
8.55 p.m.—Schubert—Marche Militaire.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Marry The Girl" by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
London Rhapsody—Vocal Selection (Carr & Kennedy). The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by

Jack Freye.
"Crest of the Wave" (Hassall & Novello).
Haven Of Your Heart (Olive Gilbert (Contralto)).
Rose Of England (Edgar Elmes (Baritone)).
"Crazy Days" Selection (Fenton Carter & Kayer). The Shaftesbury Theatre Orchestra, London, cond. Billy Mayerl. Vocalists: M. Browne & F. Cunningham.
The Gold Diggers Of Broadway—Selection (Burke). Regal Cinema Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Starkey with Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—London Streets this Christmastime. A talk by John C. Mandie.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—The Morris Motors Band. Conductor: Sydney V. Wood.

11 p.m.—Close down.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—
GSG 17.73 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.45 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSE 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben "Over the Hill Came Love" A sentimental Irish story.
8.35 a.m.—Music Hall.

8.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.

9.55 a.m.—Empire Exchange.
10.10 a.m.—The BBC West of England Singers.

10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSG 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 17.73 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.73 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

AT THE QUEEN'S—Breakfast for Two", with Herbert Marshall, Barbara Stanwyck, Glenda Farrell and Eric Blore. The picture deals in a merry fashion with the determined efforts of a wealthy Texas girl to make a man out of the playboy with whom she has fallen in love.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Saratoga", with Clark Gable and Jean Harlow. Laughs and tears, thrills and romance mingle in this picture. A vivid story of the racetrack, with paddock intrigue, a great race, unusual characters, in which a delicate romance is woven, the play is an ideal one for these stars. They hate, fight and love through an action-packed drama in which much whimsical comedy leavens the heavier moments.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Idol Of The Crowd", with John Wayne and Sheila Bromley. Thrill filled and containing comedy, romance, mystery, heroism and surprises the picture is a gripping story with a background of ice hockey competition.

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AT THE KING'S—"Fire Over England."—Narrating the breathless adventures in the days of "Good Queen Bess". That it is presented by Alexander Korda the picture needs no other introduction. The imposing cast is headed by Flora Robson who plays Queen Elizabeth, Raymond Massey, Leslie Banks, Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh.

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AT THE STAR—"A Successful Calamity."—With George Arliss, Mary Astor, Evelyn Knapp, Grant Mitchell, David Torrence and Randolph Scott. The tale of a millionaire who faked

failure in order to win back his family

from pursuits that were ruining them.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Selections from Handel's Oratorio "The Messiah".
12.05 p.m.—Short Pianoforte Recital by Sara Stein. Spanish Composers.
12.15 p.m.—Oliver Twist (Part 1).
1.00 p.m.—Marry the Girl.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.73 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. London Streets this Christmas time. A talk by John C. Mandie.

2.20 p.m.—The Morris Motors Band.

3.00 p.m.—Scrapbook for 1938. A new edition of the first programme in the "Scrapbook" series, broadcast from London on December 11, 1933.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Keyboard Music through the Ages. 12. Modern English Composers.

4.45 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m., DJB 19.74 m., DJE 16.89 m., DJN 31.45 m., DJQ 19.53 m., HKT.

2.15 p.m.—Lively potpourri.

3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.

9.00 p.m.—Virtuoso Piano music by Franz Liszt.

5.45 p.m.—Radio report. The art of casting bells.

6.00 p.m.—Colourful hour.

8.00 p.m.—News.

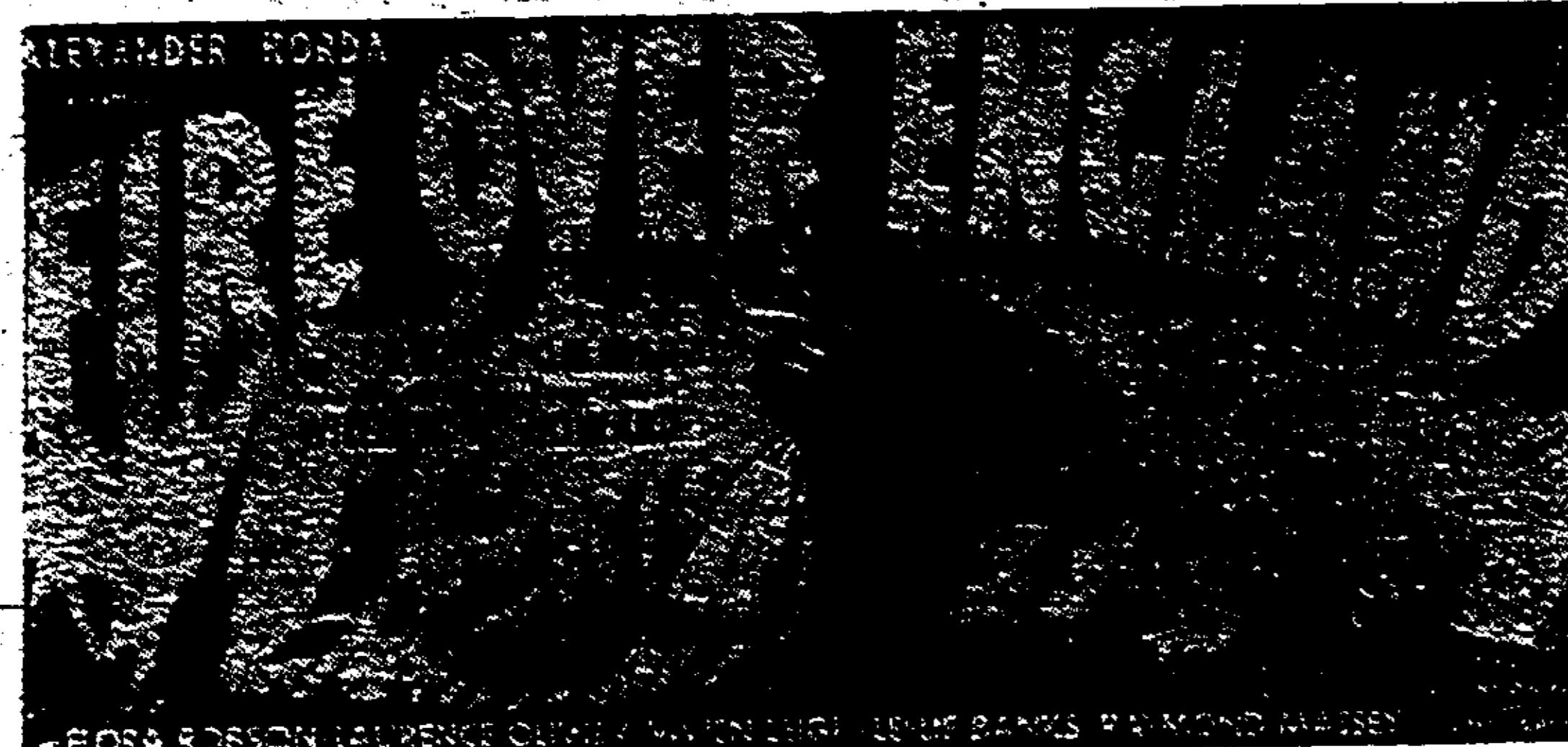
9.15 p.m.—Alemannic Peasantry.

10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.

10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

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POLAND AND THE LEAGUE **LATIN PLAY**

London, To-day.

Quis cited on a recent statement issued in Warsaw on Polish relations with the League of Nations, the Foreign Secretary reminded the Commons of a communiqué issued by the Polish Foreign Secretary and himself over a year ago at end of the former's London visit, in which they had recorded their opinion that nothing could be more fatal to the hopes of European appeasement than

London, To-day.
The King and Queen last night attended a performance of a Latin play by the scholars of Westminster School. A Latin play is produced each year by the school and the record of Royal attendances goes back to Queen Elizabeth. British Wireless.

the division, apparent or real, of Europe into opposing blocs.
It followed, Mr. Eden said, that the Polish Government were well aware of the attitude of the British Government on this point which had not changed. —British Wireless.

Bitter Attack On First Lord Of Admiralty

London, To-day.

In a forcibly worded speech at a mass meeting of 12,000 at the Albert Hall last night, Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour opposition leader, defended his actions during his stay in Spain, and bitterly attacked the British Government for its policy.

Mr. Attlee declared that his visit to Spain was intended to show the Spanish workers that their English comrades sympathised with them in their struggle against Fascism.

A journey for such a purpose could not be forbidden.

"We must do our best to change the policy of the Government, so that justice will be done to all those fighting in Spain," he declared, adding that British non-intervention was not being carried out in the right way.

MR. DUFF COOPER ATTACKED

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who also spoke, attacked the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. Duff Cooper.

Miss Wilkinson said that the Labour Party would never forgive Mr. Duff Cooper for the "shame that British warships in Spanish waters, in compliance with his orders, had had to witness the drowning of Spanish fugitives in their neighbourhood without being allowed to rescue them." —Trans-Ocean.

PEIPING CLIQUE REPUDIATED

Chungking, To-day.
The Chinese National Government has issued a statement repudiating the so-called "provisional government" set up at Peiping by the Japanese. —Reuters.

SCHOOLS P.T. COMPETITION RESULT

The finals of the Physical Training competition from the Vernacular Schools were held at Kowloon Football Club ground this morning and was witnessed by a large gathering.

Yesterday the 12 Island schools met at the Hong Kong Football Club for eliminating trials and this morning the nine schools of Kowloon met. Immediately after this, the finals were held and resulted in Dun Man School coming first with Chung Wah second and the Hong Kong School, Kowloon, next.

After the competition an exhibition of physical training was given by the instructors of the Government School.

Mr. W. Kay thanked Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North for presiding and distributing the prizes. Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, spoke in Chinese after which Mr. North distributed the banners, which had been presented by Mr. W. Kay and Mr. Y. P. Law, to the winning schools.

MONGKOK ARSENIC MURDER TRIAL

Main interest in the "Mong Kok Arsenic Murder Trial," which was continued before Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning, was centred on the evidence of Dr. Pan, of the Kwong Wah Hospital, and of Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst.

Accused, Li Fuk-yne, is charged with the murder of a Chinese woman, Tang Kam, by arsenic October 5 at No. 163, Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok, and is defended by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. N. Cheung, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master.

The Crown is represented by Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Pan stated that the symptoms of deceased on admission were consistent with food poisoning, which he concluded was arsenical poisonings owing to the severity of the attack.

Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, revealed that in an examination of the cooked rice found on the premises, 52 grains of white arsenic were found.

The case is continuing.

DAIRY FARM CATCH COOLIE

Ho Sam, a delivery coolie employed by the Dairy Farm, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when he was found guilty of the theft of four bottles of milk. Detective-Sergeant Davis said defendant was given 80 bottles of milk and took four other bottles which he placed in his basket. Some time ago a customer had informed the Company that a coolie was in the habit of leaving bottles of milk in the refrigerator every morning and collecting them later.

Yesterday morning, defendant left four bottles and when he called later, was arrested by a district watchman who had been sent to watch him.

Among summonses at the Central Magistracy on Friday will be prosecutions of several motorists alleged to have failed to comply with regulations during the "black-out" by keeping their head lights on.

While driving in a military road, near the St. Stephen's College playing fields, Lam Shek knocked down a boy who ran in front of the car. The lad was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from injuries to his leg.

Mr. K. C. Hamilton, of No. 294, Prince Edward Road, has reported the loss of \$34 worth of tools from his car.

Mr. G. Maling, of No. 16, Chung Loong, Road, has reported the loss of \$20, stolen from the premises last night.

HANKOW'S WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL COME TO HONG KONG BY TRAIN

Hankow, To-day.

H.M.S. Capetown, which left here on Saturday with one man, 21 women and 26 children on board, arrived at Wuhu yesterday morning and will resume her journey to Shanghai to-day.

It is possible there will not be sufficient water in the breached portion of the Kiangyin boom to allow H.M.S. Capetown, which draws 17½ feet to pass through.

In this event, the civilian passengers will be transferred to a smaller ship in order to complete the journey to Shanghai.

Should Capetown be unable to pass the Kiangyin boom, she will be cut off, not only from Shanghai but also from Hankow, by the new booms erected near Kiukiang, the apertures of which are now closed up.

TRAIN TO H.K.

The proposed dash to Shanghai of the B. and S. river steamer "Woosung," with 200 passengers on board, was baulked by closure of the Kiukiang booms, and preparations are now being made to run another refugee train to Hong Kong, via Canton.

Date of departure has not yet been fixed, but the train will probably leave over the coming week-end.

It is learned that over 300 names have already been registered for the passage.

48 HOURS' NOTICE

The Japanese have been informed of the proposed departure of the train, and have replied that they will require 48 hours' notice of its departure. — Reuter.

VAN ZEELAND MISSION NEAR COMPLETION

London, To-day. It is understood that M. Van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, has made considerable progress with his report on the mission entrusted to him by the British and French Governments of an enquiry into the possibility of improving international trade by a reduction of trade barriers and it is expected that his Report will be in the hands of the British Government before Christmas.

The report will receive immediate consideration but there is no confirmation in London of Press statements that M. Van Zeeland will himself visit London shortly. — British Wireless.

MR. EDEN HAS AUDIENCE

London, To-day. The Foreign Secretary had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. — British Wireless.

WAR LEADER'S BURIAL AT MUNICH

Berlin, To-day. General Ludendorff, who died yesterday, is being interred at Munich.

Herr Hitler is attending the funeral. — Reuter.

INSURGENTS CLAIM SUCCESS

Saragossa, To-day. The fighting around Teruel is said to have developed in favour of the insurgents, according to insurgent reports. Franco's troops have received reinforcements from Saragossa and succeeded in encircling about 20,000 Republican troops besieging the garrison of Teruel.

Their capacity for manoeuvring is extremely limited, the valley in which they are operating being very narrow.

These reports were announced in his broadcast by General Queipo de Llano who at the same time energetically refuted reports of revolts in Spanish Morocco. — Trans-Ocean.

PROTEST ON ITALIAN PROPAGANDA

London, To-day. "In view of certain reports which have been received of Italian propaganda in the Middle East, I recently informed the Italian Ambassador that His Majesty's Government were well aware of this propaganda and added that unless it could be brought to an end, it would be impossible to create the atmosphere necessary to the prosecution of successful conversations designed to improve our mutual relations."

This statement was made by the Foreign Secretary replying to a Commons question on Italian propaganda in Palestine. — British Wireless.

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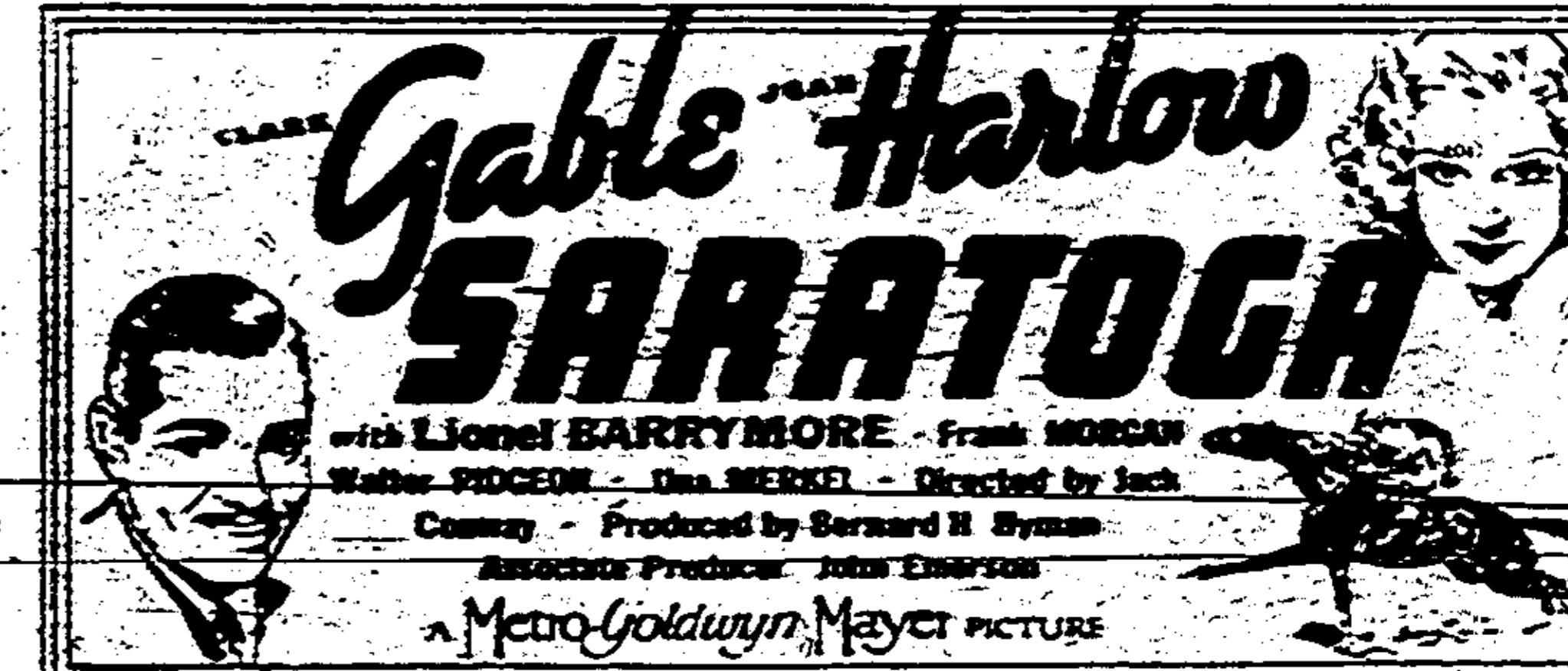
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ECONOMIC PROBABILITIES OF JAPAN'S WAR OF AGGRESSION IN CHINA

Berlin, To-day.

The annual congress of the China Study Society, now going on here, is featured by two important lectures on China which have attracted much interest in the press.

First lecture, which was in the form of an analysis of the present campaign in China from the economic and financial angle, was delivered by the President of the society, Dr. Hans Schippe.

Dr. Schippe said the war had raised the problem of whether both countries could continue the campaign for any length of time without committing economic suicide.

He said that the national income of China, as compared with that of Japan gave Japan the advantage, but on the other hand, China's financial reserve was greater, and the campaign to boycott Japanese goods, which was making progress in many countries, might result in a radical reduction in Japanese trade.

Recent events had proved that monetary stabilisation in China, which was the work of Dr. H. H. Kung, was a permanent fixture and was able to sustain itself even during the crisis of war.

COST OF CAMPAIGN

Discussing the actual costs of the military campaign, the speaker said that the conflict was bound to cost both countries between three and four times their annual income achieved through ordinary measures, and consequently both would sooner or later be forced to obtain a loan, or issue uncovered notes.

He expressed the opinion that the war costs could not be met in either nation through the proceeds of a loan, and that as a final possibility, uncovered notes would have to be issued.

Japan was endeavouring at present to avoid these difficulties through strict economic control, a problem which would be simplified for China as she was more likely to succeed in obtaining foreign credit.

TEMPORARY LOSS OF SHANGHAI

Admitting that the temporary loss of Shanghai and the northern provinces have been felt in China, the speaker said that in reality the economic resistance of the country was by no means broken.

He concluded by pointing out that her vast expanses of land and time were both factors greatly in favour of China.

The second speaker, the well-known journalist and Chinese expert, Herr Strewe, sketched the economic and cultural advancement of China during the past ten years and declared that the present war was catastrophic for China from the economic viewpoint.

CHINA'S PROGRAMME

He said that the recent economic measures of the Nanking Government, such as regulating of river irrigation, organisation of agriculture, improvement of highways, foreign trade, had been interrupted and must have suffered greatly.

German industrialists, who in

Berlin, To-day.

co-operation with Chinese banks, had undertaken many reconstruction projects, were among the chief losers, and he expressed the opinion that the war would lead eventually to weakening of both parties financially, that the ultimate settlement would have to be brought about through intervention of strong capitalistic nations, such as Britain, the United States and France.

LAST OBSTACLE

Germany, because of her friendly relations with both sides, was willing at any time to offer her services for assisting in re-establishment of peace.

In conclusion, he said that final solution of the war would in any case remove the last obstacles that had hindered China's economic development.

The congress concluded with a reception, at which the special Chinese envoy to Europe, General Chiang Poi-li, was present Trans-Ocean.

"THE TIMES" ON DELBOS TOUR

London, To-day.

The mission of the French Foreign Minister to South-Eastern Europe, is dealt with by "The Times" in a message from its Paris correspondent, and also a leading article.

The journal discusses particularly unofficial reports of a possible journey to Berlin by M. Delbos at the beginning of next year, and says that in official circles in London there is, at present, no mention of such a plan.

The journal's leading article says that a particularly happy angle of M. Delbos' tour was the visit paid to him in Berlin by the German Foreign Minister. The journal says that not only Poland, but also Rumania and Yugoslavia, consider that the best way of attaining co-operation with France would be through Franco-German understanding.

M. Delbos, says the leader, appears to have informed Czechoslovakia of Franco-British uneasiness about the German minority problem. — Trans-Ocean.

FRESH; FAIR

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone remains centred over China with an extension eastward to the Pacific to the south east of Japan; it has increased moderately in intensity.

Local forecast: N. E. winds, fresh; fair.

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR APPOINTED TO CHINA

Uncertainty Regarding Sir H.M. Knatchbull-Hugessen

SIR ARCHIBALD KERR COMING FROM BAGHDAD

London, To-day.

THE Foreign Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr to be Ambassador to China in place of Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen.

Sir Hughe, it has been decided, will not return to China but will be recommended for appointment to another post in due course.

ENGLAND UNDER FOG BLANKET

London, To-day.

The Metropolis yesterday morning was ringed by a thick fog, while most roads were ice-bound. Shipping in the Thames was blanketed by a fog which extended west to Bristol and north to Glasgow.—Reuter.

COMPENSATION FOR BRITISH CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, asked by Mr. L. F. Plugge (Conservative, Chatham) in the House of Commons yesterday for particulars regarding compensation to be paid by Japan for casualties by their troops to British soldiers and sailors, recalled that the Japanese Government had fully accepted the principle of pecuniary compensation.

"Claims have been made," Mr. Eden added, "and it is only a question of details of financial compensation."

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Labour, Bas-selaw) asked if claims in respect of loss of life were not in a different category from those respecting property, and therefore would Mr. Eden press for the earliest settlement of these claims?

Mr. Eden: "Yes, I think that is so. The principle of compensation has been accepted, and what remains to be settled are the amounts and the question of to whom they are payable."—Reuter.

KARAKHAN'S EXECUTION

Moscow, To-day.

Eight Soviet officials have been executed on charges of subversive activities, according to an official announcement.

The men included Karakhan, former Ambassador to China and to Turkey.—Reuter.

It had been hoped possible to leave the Embassy in China in charge of Mr. R. G. Howe until Sir Hughe was able to return to China in the Spring, but recent events in the Far East, coupled with uncertainty in regard to the actual date by which Sir Hughe would be able to return to duty, made it necessary for the matter to be re-examined.

AMBASSADOR NEEDED

It is now considered that in spite of the complete confidence felt in Mr. R. G. Howe, it is essential for His Majesty's Government to be represented in China by a diplomat of Ambassadorial rank, and that arrangements to this effect should be made with the least possible delay.

Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr, the new Ambassador, has been Ambassador in Baghdad since 1935.

He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1906, and served at Berlin, Buenos Aires, Washington, Rome and Teheran.

SCOTS GUARDSMAN

In 1918 he saw War service as a private in the Scots Guards.

After the War, he was appointed to Tangier (1919) and to Cairo (1922), where he acted as Counsellor from 1923 to 1925.

From 1925 to 1928 he was Minister to the Central American Republic.

From 1928 to 1930 he was Minister to Chile, and was then transferred to Stockholm, where he served as Minister till 1935, when he went to Baghdad.—Reuter.

HANKOW NOW BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT

Hankow, To-day.

Hankow is buzzing with excitement at the prospect of hostilities in South China. It is pointed out that Hankow will be completely cut off if the Japanese occupy Canton and disrupt train and air services between Hong Kong and Hankow, as well as the newly-inaugurated Chungking-Hong Kong air service.

At present it is possible to reach the outside world by rail via Chen-chow, Hsuehchow (Honan), Tsinanfu and Tsingtao, but the advent of hostilities in Shantung will undoubtedly disrupt that route.

Though the air service to Hong Kong is still functioning, it is widely reported that the service will be stopped shortly.—Reuter.

CASTLECARY TRAIN SMASH



SCOTTISH TRAIN DISASTER. At least 34 people lost their lives in the collision in a blizzard between two L.N.E.R. trains at Castlecary, Stirlingshire. Photo shows one of the wrecked coaches on top of engine and tender. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

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DR. ROBERTSON OF LESTER INSTITUTE TO LEAD ANTI-EPIDEMIC CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations is arranging for the formation of an English-speaking unit, under the League scheme for technical collaboration with China, in the campaign against epidemics.

This was announced in the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary yesterday in answer to a question from Mr. F. C. Watkins (Labour, Central Hackney).

Mr. Eden added that he understood that Dr. R. C. Robertson, of the Lester Institute of Medical Research in Shanghai, had accepted the post of Epidemic Commissioner.

Leader of the unit and other members thereof were being selected.

ALL POSSIBLE AID

The interested departments of his Majesty's Government were giving all possible assistance to the Secretary-General and Dr. Robertson.

Relying to a further question by Mr. Watkins, Mr. Eden said it was quite clear from his statement that Britain was not lagging behind any other country in this connection.

The Labour member, Mr. A. V. Alexander, asked if there had been any protest from Japan.

Mr. Eden replied: "There is no occasion for anybody to protest. The action taken is fully justified." — Reuter.

BIAS BAY RUMOURS

Canton, To-day.

Rumours of the landing of a large force of Japanese troops near Bias Bay are described here by officials as "entirely without foundation."

The officials credit these rumours to Japanese agents, "who are attempting to create a panic among the population in the coastal

FIGHTING IN BLINDING SNOWSTORM

St. Jean-de-Luz, To-day. Ternel is still holding out against the Government attacks, but fighting, with great bloodshed, is in progress on the outskirts of the town.

A blinding snowstorm is impeding the work of the Government artillery. — Reuter.

PRO-REPUBLICAN DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A demonstration in support of the Spanish Government was held at the Albert Hall last night, when the sum of £3,000 was collected for a relief fund.

Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the parliamentary Labour opposition, criticised those who criticised his visit to Spain, and said there was a stream of propaganda in Britain directed against the Spanish Government.

He accused the British Government of devotion to class welfare. — Reuter.

towns of South China."

It is also officially stated that in the past two days, only one Japanese cruiser has been seen in the vicinity of Bias Bay. — Our Own Correspondent.



Shipwrecked but cheerful. A snapshot taken on Hoishoto Island after the wreck of the "President Hoover".

THE WORLD GOES BY

"MANY bachelors wish they had pretty, helpful wives," says a gossip writer. So do many husbands.

Certain parts of Central America are said to be infested by fierce outlaws. Fierce in-laws are, of course, found the world over.

"The poets of to-day," says a reviewer, "do at least put plenty of fire into their verse." The trouble is that they do not resort to the reverse process sufficiently.

"Police cannot stop betting," reads a headline. Then it's a great pity they ever began. That recalls another headline, "Fifty Pounds Fine for Betting." And for lots of other things too.

War Correspondents

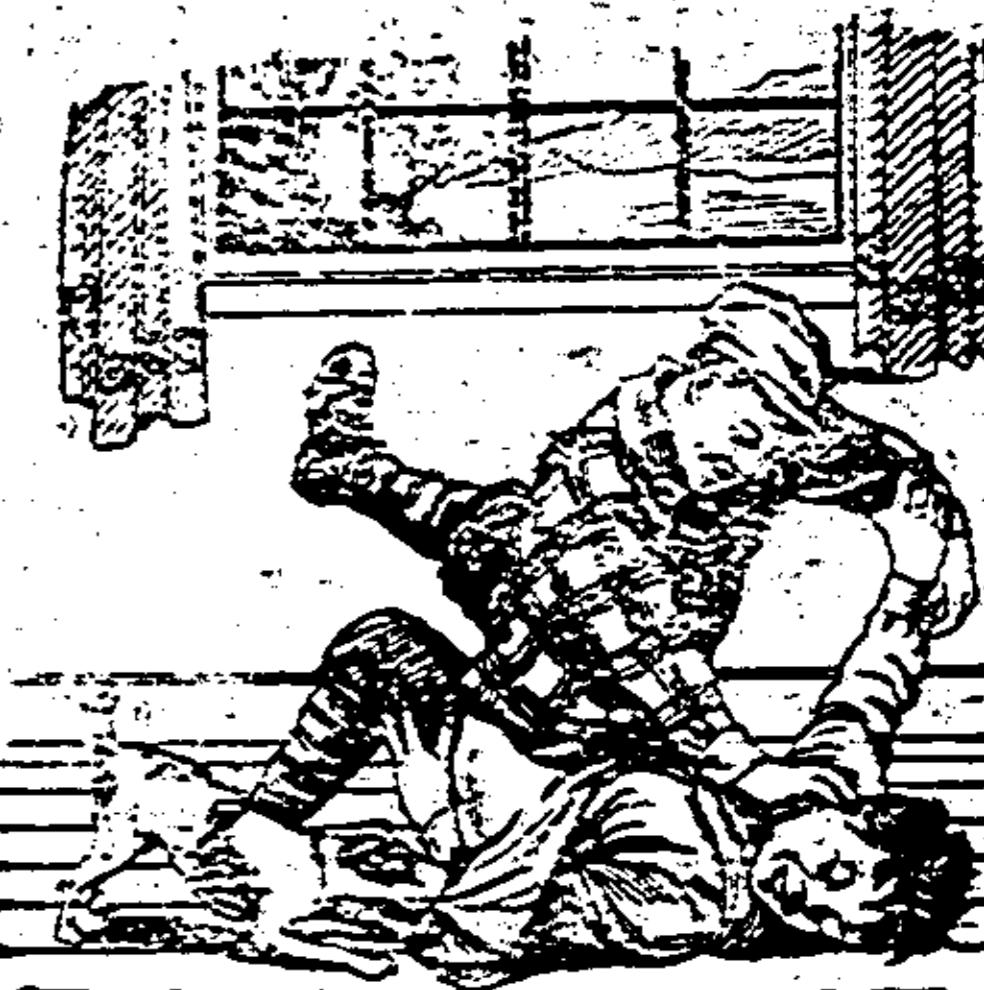
The apparent imminence of hostilities in South China has stirred our office, and we are a collection of hard-boiled journalists, not easily stirred. From all sides appeals are

PARIS PLEASED BY DELBOS TOUR RESULTS

Paris, To-day.

A survey of his trip to South-eastern and central Europa was given by the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, to the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, after the Foreign Minister had previously reported to the President, M. Albert Lebrun. It is understood that M. Delbos considers his stay in Prague as most important stage on his trip from Warsaw to Bucharest, Belgrade and Prague.

Paris circles show great optimism, declaring that after these conversations, it seems possible to solve some of the most difficult problems of minorities in Czechoslovakia, especially the Sudeten German question. The possibility of a trip of M. Delbos to Berlin is once more mentioned in this connection. M. Delbos during the next few days will meet the former Premier, M. Flandin and M. Comeret, press chief to the Foreign Office, who were both in Berlin during the last few days. — Trans-Ocean.



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JAPANESE FINDINGS ON PANAY OUTRAGE CRITICISED

Completely Contradictory To Story Of Survivors

JAPANESE COMMANDER DOES NOT CONSIDER HE WAS AT FAULT!

Shanghai, To-day.

The findings of the Japanese enquiry into the Panay outrage, announced by Major-General Harada yesterday, indicate variance with accounts given by naval and civilian survivors of the United States gunboat.

The findings, read by Major-General Harada to the press conference in a statement, were vaguely worded.

Main conclusions were that three Japanese aeroplanes bombed the Panay,

That the gunboat fired three cannon shots at Japanese army units, and

That the latter did not fire on the Panay.

Major-General Harada denied that Japanese army boats fired on the Panay, and asserted that the gunboat was moving at the time of the attack.

Officers of the Panay reported that the gunboat had anchored two hours prior to the bombing.

All points mentioned in the Japanese statement were strenuously queried by correspondents who had been on board the Panay.

The correspondents pointed out that survivors contend that first three, and then six, machines, were concerned in the bombing.

Firing of the Panay's cannons was utterly incorrect, and Japanese army units fired hotly on the gunboat.

Another point of dispute was the Japanese assertion that the Panay was moving at the time of the attack.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Major-General Harada emphasised that the Japanese commander whose troops were involved, "didn't consider he was at fault."

Major-General Harada is announcing the findings of the Ladybird incident to-day (Tuesday). Reuter.

FURTHER DIFFICULTIES

Tokyo, To-day.

Talking to foreign pressmen last night on the Panay outrage, a Foreign Office spokesman said that according to latest reports from Nanking, the important question of "who opened fire first," had not yet been solved.

The spokesman added that Japanese diplomatic circles took the view that the incident was "mainly the result of misunderstandings."

Despite the complicated situation, the Japanese Government was convinced that a mutually satisfactory solution could be found, although the guarantees for the safety of American nationals, demanded by the United States Government, would possibly lead to further difficulties in the course of future military operations.—Trans-Ocean.

AN EARLY RETRACTION—WRAPPED UP

Shanghai, 12.27 p.m.

To-day.

A retraction of one of the main findings of the Panay investigation has now been made by General Harada, at a press conference.

He stated that it had now been established that the Panay did not fire any cannon shots at Japanese army units, but he reiterated that the Japanese army boats did not fire on the gunboat.

General Harada said his statement was based upon an investigation by Lieut.-Colonel Nishi, a War Office staff officer, who explained that the commander of a small Japanese unit said he heard the sounds of what appeared to be shells, but the commander of a larger unit said he considered this not to be the case since no shells exploded in the vicinity.

General Harada and Lieut.-Colonel Nishi both said they personally doubted the report alleging that the Panay fired shots.—Reuter.

EIICHI BABA PASSES

Tokyo, To-day.

Eight days after resigning the Home Ministry owing to reasons of ill health, Mr. Eiichi Baba died to-day at the age of 56.

Mr. Baba came into prominence as Finance Minister in the Hirota Cabinet, when he instituted reforms in the system of taxation and brought into being the "cheap money" policy, thereby falling into line with the policies of European countries.—Reuter.

CHINESE LEADERS IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

Mr. Chen Kung-po, special Chinese envoy to Europe, accompanied by the Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, visited Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

SIERRA LEONE COAST DEFENCE TO BE MANNED

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that as the result of a decision taken some time ago, Freetown, Sierra Leone, is again to be provided with a regular garrison in peace to man its coast defences.

The coast defences will remain substantially the same as they are at present though certain modifications and additions will be made to adapt them to modern requirements.

An advance party recently arrived in Freetown to carry out preparatory work. The coast defence units will consist of British, European and African personnel.

By arrangement with the Government of Sierra Leone, the recruiting and training of African personnel have commenced under the aegis of the Sierra Leone Battalion, Royal West African Frontier Force.—British Wireless.

PROFESSORS HONOURED

Shanghai, To-day.

The German head of Tungtsi University, Professor Birt, and his colleague, Professor Berrez, were yesterday presented with a silver plaque in recognition of the services rendered by them.

The presentation was made by the Counsellor of the German Embassy, Herr Fischer, in the presence of the teaching staff of the University.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH AGENT IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

General Franco will shortly receive Sir Robert Hodgson, first British Agent to Nationalist Spain, according to press reports from Salamanca.

Sir Robert, it is reported, will travel to Burgos for this purpose to-day (Tuesday).—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Berlin, To-day.

Herr Hitler has sent a telegram of condolence to Frau Ludendorff on the "heavy loss which you have sustained by the death of your husband."

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DUKE OF AOSTA AT PORT SAID

Rome, To-day.

The new Viceroy of Ethiopia, the Duke of Aosta, on his way through the Suez Canal, received a courtesy call from representatives of the King of Egypt yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.

The Hungarian War Minister General Roeder, returned here last night after a visit to Naples.—Trans-Ocean.

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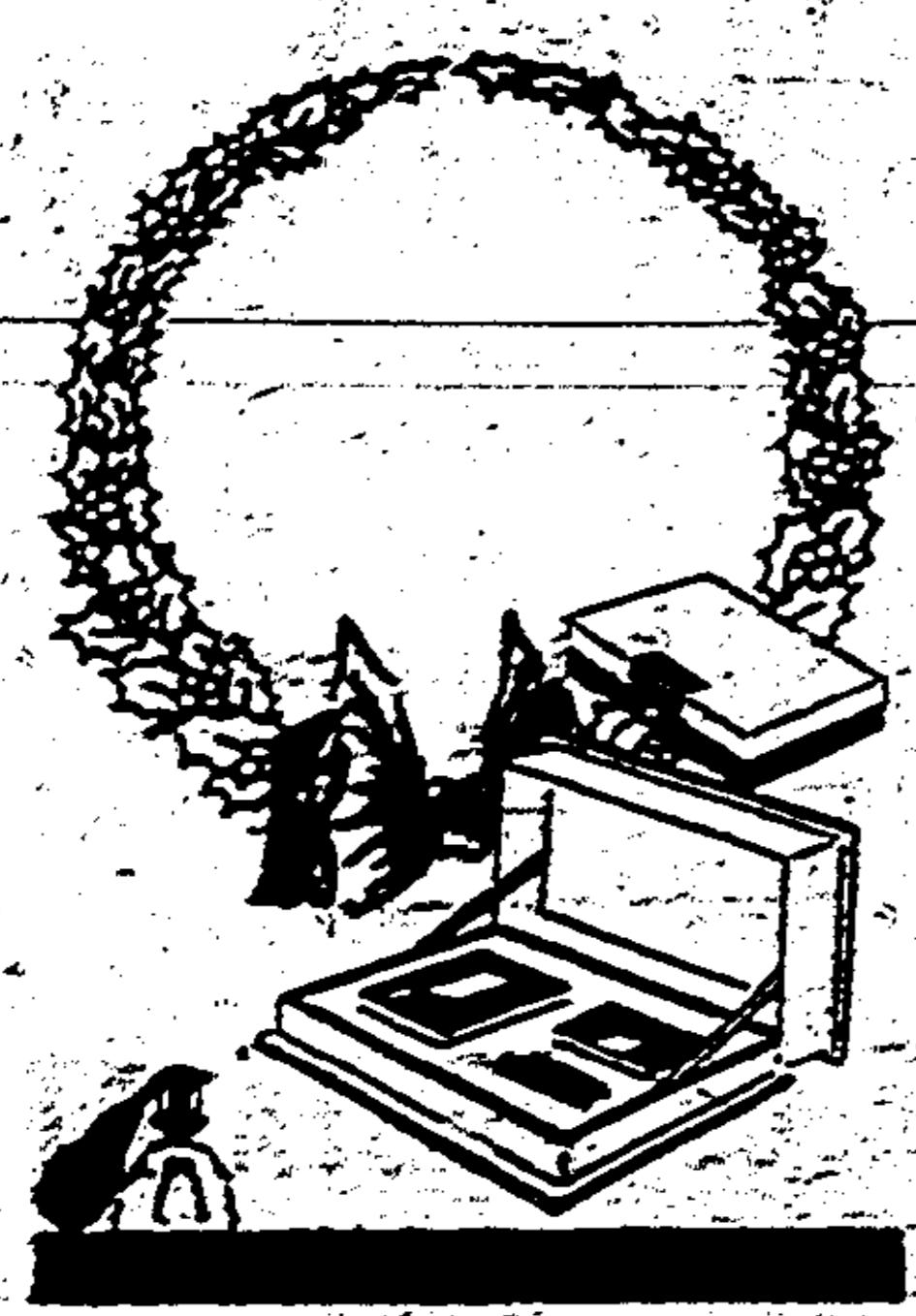
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A. R. P.

Giving its first sign of existence as a live organisation in the Colony, the Peace Pledge Union, in a letter to the Press last week, condemned Air Raid Precautions instruction as a hoax and as an incitement to a war mentality, at the same time declaring that any air raids precautions would be hopelessly inadequate and impracticable in the face of a modern raid.

It is a line of argument that it is easy to follow even when there is no agreement with it. The proverbial man in the street, however, will almost certainly reply in his matter-of-fact fashion, that any precautions, where there is a real danger of destruction of life, is better than none at all, while observers of the recent effects of aerial bombings, in actual damage, and psychologically, will wonder whether both A.R.P. and P.P.U. are not prone to the same fault of exaggerating the danger. For some years European peoples especially have had the terrors of air bombing in "the next war" almost daily drummed into their ears. Countless books have been written on the theme that, under future air bombardment, no city will be safe, fleets and armies will be rendered powerless, and huge civil populations cannot expect to survive. Civilisation will be blotted out. Nations might as well cease to build fighting ships and train armies. A few hours' attack would blot out London, Paris, Berlin, or Moscow. Hong Kong could be devastated from Formosa. So has run the forecast. Opposing fleets of aircraft fighting above would rain down upon cities and roads below the wreckage of their desperate engagements, thus visiting destruction indirectly also upon the cowering earth.

Much of this victimisation may be true and even without exaggeration aerial warfare would be very terrible. But how far have the worst effects of aerial warfare been exaggerated? Does aeroplane bombing shatter the moral of civilians and so paralyse the fighting arm of a nation at war? Mr. Winston Churchill, during a debate in the House of Commons, speaks of the "immeasurable catastrophe" of London's vulnerability from the air; but the spirit of Nanking survived the worst Japan could do. Of Madrid, where more intensive raids have occurred, Mr. Churchill could only say that it had apparently not experienced the worst of air terror—he instanced the incendiary thermite bomb. But surely what has been visited upon Madrid for so long without breaking the spirit of its people for defence could not have been made much worse by such variation in aerial attack.

Nanking, however, being closer to us is to us a more striking demonstration of the fact that the terrorising effect upon civilians has been over-estimated. There is no record of air bombardment alone having forced the evacuation of any town. So much has been written (in imaginative forecast) of quite opposite effect, that perhaps the best equipment of a civil population against "the terror by air" might be a thorough examination of the actual experience of civilian demoralisation and casualties from air bombardment. Madrid's people, for instance, may have had bomb-proof shelters and gas-masks, but their best defence against the visitation has been their realisation, as they became familiar with such attacks, that their spirit could rise above it. Of that there is no doubt from the admiring descriptions by many correspondents in English papers. One cannot judge effects adequately from descriptions by excited people who have run into fields from trains or to the nearest dugout, in spite of their knowledge at first hand of a bombing raid in action. Moreover, propaganda sees to it that nothing shall be lacking in horror which may move some Power from whom help is desired. It may of course be replied that it is as easy for a commentator to minimise as to exaggerate the horrors of aerial warfare. The point we desire to bring out is that aerial warfare has apparently not demoralised civilian populations to the extent promised; and from this it is natural to ask whether it may be part of the plan of those who would use the "frightfulness" of air warfare for their own interests to induce in "vulnerable" countries a lively anticipation, in advance, of just that frightfulness. If that is the case, it seems foolish to play into their hands.

Music in Industry

We have often been assured in recent years that experiments have shown that cows yield more milk when a gramophone is played to them, and the usual report runs that foxtrots give the best and most persuasive results. It is gratifying, then, to have proof that man can still keep a point or two ahead of the lower animals, for a message from Smyrna states that "classical music played in factories during working hours has been found to have a stimulating effect on working men and women here and to increase their output."

That puts the harmless and necessary cow back in a less cultured class; crooners and jazz will serve to encourage its not quite so sensitive soul, but with the diligent and refined Smyriotes "the maximum improvement has been attained when work was done to the accompaniment of operas and concertos." It is even added that "light music" does not have anything like such a salutary effect on output; jazz evidently destroys the ideal industrial rhythm.

The first impulse of enthusiasts for pure and unalloyed music will no doubt be to prick up their ears with approval at this campaign for encouraging the choicer orchestral patterns, but it may be that they will do well to wait a little and see how the experiment continues. How long will classical music be really popular if it is constantly associated with the working day? For real relaxation that awful jazz may become more attractive than ever.

HONG KONG DEFENCE AGAIN DEBATED IN HOUSE

Mr. Chamberlain Asked To Make Statement

RETRIBUTION DEMANDED FOR TSINGTAO ACT

Tokyo, To-day.

Drastic punishment of the Chinese who set fire to the Japanese cotton mills at Tsingtao, is demanded by Shojiro Otaka, Consul-General at Tsingtao, who evacuated the port with 300 Japanese residents and officials on August 30.

Mr. Otaka declared: "News of such a situation having been brought about by the Chinese, there is no alternative for Japan but to resort to decisive measures."

"According to the latest report received by me, the constables who have been engaged in protecting the Japanese mill areas, were replaced by Salt Revenue guards, who prepared the explosions after looting the mills of valuable spindles, which were transported to the interior on the Tsingtao-Tsinanfu railway."—Reuter.

GOVT. ATTITUDE

Tokyo, To-day.

Concerned over the destruction of Japanese cotton mills at Tsingtao, and the resultant unrest there, the Japanese Government is keeping close watch on the situation, according to press reports.

The reports add that if the fires were set by Chinese acting on instructions from General Chiang Kai-shek, this wanton action apparently reflects the realisation of a policy of co-operation between Comintern and the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

PRES. HOOVER DISASTER

San Francisco, To-day.

Dollar Line officials here have received cablegram stating that the "President Hoover" has weathered yesterday's severe blow, and the captain and crew of twenty are standing by.

Salvage equipment has arrived and operations will be begun as soon as the weather is favourable.—Reuter.

Taihsu, To-day.

It is learned that as the result of Sunday night's violent gale, the President Hoover has been pushed up on to the breakers and is in a more difficult position from the viewpoint of salvage than before.

In the course of the storm, the damage to the ship was extensively increased.

It is now believed that, if the Hoover is ever salvaged, the task cannot be attempted for weeks.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE MADE QUITE CLEAR

London, To-day.

REPLYING to a question in the House of Commons yesterday about the situation in Hong Kong, caused by extension of Japanese hostilities, Mr. Anthony Eden said he understood arrangements were being made to cope with an influx of refugees if hostilities reach the Canton neighbourhood.

Another questioner asked if Mr. Eden would arrange that Mr. Neville Chamberlain make a statement early in to-day's debate on foreign affairs about the present position which was feared in Hong Kong.

Mr. Eden replied that he did not know what the questioner meant, and added: "Our own attitude in respect to Hong Kong has been made quite clear in my replies in the last few days."

The questioner asked if it was not the case if there are reports about the contemplated invasion of South China, with a view to encircling that part of the coast.

Mr. Eden: "Let's be quite clear about this. I am sure the Hon. Member does not mean contemplated

invasion of Hong Kong. I have heard no reports of that kind at all."—Reuter.

ADMIRAL TO FLY TO HONG KONG

Hankow, To-day.

Rear-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, S.N.O., Yangtse, together with his secretary, J. A. Miller, are leaving for Hong Kong this morning by specially chartered plane.

Rear-Admiral Crabbe, whose relief, Rear-Admiral Holt, arrived in Hankow a month ago and at present is on board H.M.S. Bee at Nanking, is due for home leave in January.

His departure will leave Hankow without an Admiral, as Rear-Admiral Holt, being at Nanking, is cut off by the recently constructed booms.

BRITISH YANGTSE PATROL
Disposition of British gunboats in the Yangtse at present is as follows:

H.M.S. Falcon at Chungking.
H.M.S. Tern at Ichang.
H.M.S. Sandpiper at Changsha, where she will remain all Winter owing to low water.

Four gunboats are in Hankow—H.M.S. Garnet, H.M.S. Cockchafer, H.M.S. Gnat and H.M.S. Peterel.

H.M.S. Mantis is at Kinkiang, showing eight gunboats on the Hankow side of the boom area.

On the other side of the boom, H.M.S. Scarab is at Wuhu, H.M.S. Cricket, H.M.S. Bee and H.M.S. Aphis at Nanking. These gunboats have been carrying Rear-Admiral Holt and, presumably, Mr. Pridoux Brune, Consul-General at Nanking.

H.M.S. Ladybird is at Shanghai.—Reuter.

SEIZURE OF CUSTOMS AT TIENSIN

London, To-day.

The important question of administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs was raised again in the House of Commons yesterday, by Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Labour member for Derby.

Mr. Noel Baker asked if it might be assumed that the Government did not intend to recognise assumption by the Japanese authorities or by the alleged Chinese authorities of rights belonging to the legitimate Chinese Government.

Mr. Anthony Eden said: "I should prefer to see that on the paper, but I think the answer is Yes."—Reuter.

POLICE BORDER PATROL AUGMENTED

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Kwong Hon, Magistrate of Kimmen Island, opposite Amoy, was shot yesterday for deserting his post when the Japanese landed and subsequently occupied the Island.—Our Own Correspondent.

No Intention By Britain Of Recognising Peiping Puppet Government

London, To-day.

THAT there is not the slightest intention of Britain recognising the provisional government set up by the Japanese in North China, was made clear in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour, Kingswinford) asked if Mr. Eden would give an assurance that the Government in no way would recognise the provisional government installed in Peiping by the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Eden replied that the British Government recognised the Central Government as the Government of all China. There was therefore no question of recognising the new administration.—Reuter.

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NAVAL POSITION

Admiral Usborne Again Urges Joint Council

London, To-day.

The naval position in the Far East was discussed at a meeting in the House of Commons yesterday of a number of Members of all parties, presided over by Major Sir Cyril Entwistle, Conservative Member for Bolton.

Vice-Admiral Usborne spoke of the possibility of collective action on the part of Britain, France and the United States.

He emphasised the importance to Britain and the United States of what he considered to be Japan's aim to dominate China to the complete exclusion of foreign interests, and said that if British, French and American co-operation could be secured, it would not be difficult to defend the common interest of the three nations.

FOUR MORE CRUISERS ORDERED

London, To-day.

It was announced in the Commons yesterday that an order for one 8,000-ton cruiser is being replaced with each of the following firms: Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Wallsend-on-Tyne; John Brown, Clydebank; A. Stephen and Sons and Vickers Armstrong, who will build a vessel at their High Walker yard.

The Minister explained that the ships represented the conclusion of the 1937 programme and he assured

He believed that the threat of common action would be sufficient to deter Japan, but it must be remembered that the United States would contemplate no alliance, would not intervene for interests not her own and would not take any action which might lead to war.

JOINT COUNCIL

Therefore he suggested a joint advisory council on Far Eastern affairs, in which Britain, France and the United States would be equally represented to study and defend the joint interests of all three countries, and recommend such action as might be necessary for the purpose. — Reuter.

ed Mr. Churchill that they were certainly the equal of contemporary vessels being built in other countries. — British Wireless.

TOKYO ASSEMBLY

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Keijo (Korea), To-day.

Following the example of Fan San-sheng, Chinese Consul-General at Chosen, the Chinese Consul for Keijo, Chang Yi-shin, who is at Chinnampo, according to Japanese reports, has also pledged allegiance to the "provisional government of the Republic of China" recently organised at Peiping.—Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY. ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT REPORTS, THERE WERE ABOUT 250,000 REFUGEES IN NANTAO, IN SHANGHAI AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, SAID THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

In addition, 100,000 were in the International Settlement and 50,000 in the French Concession.

As far as the two latter areas were concerned, the refugees were housed in camps.

Recently, added Mr. Eden, the situation was reported as easier.—Reuter.

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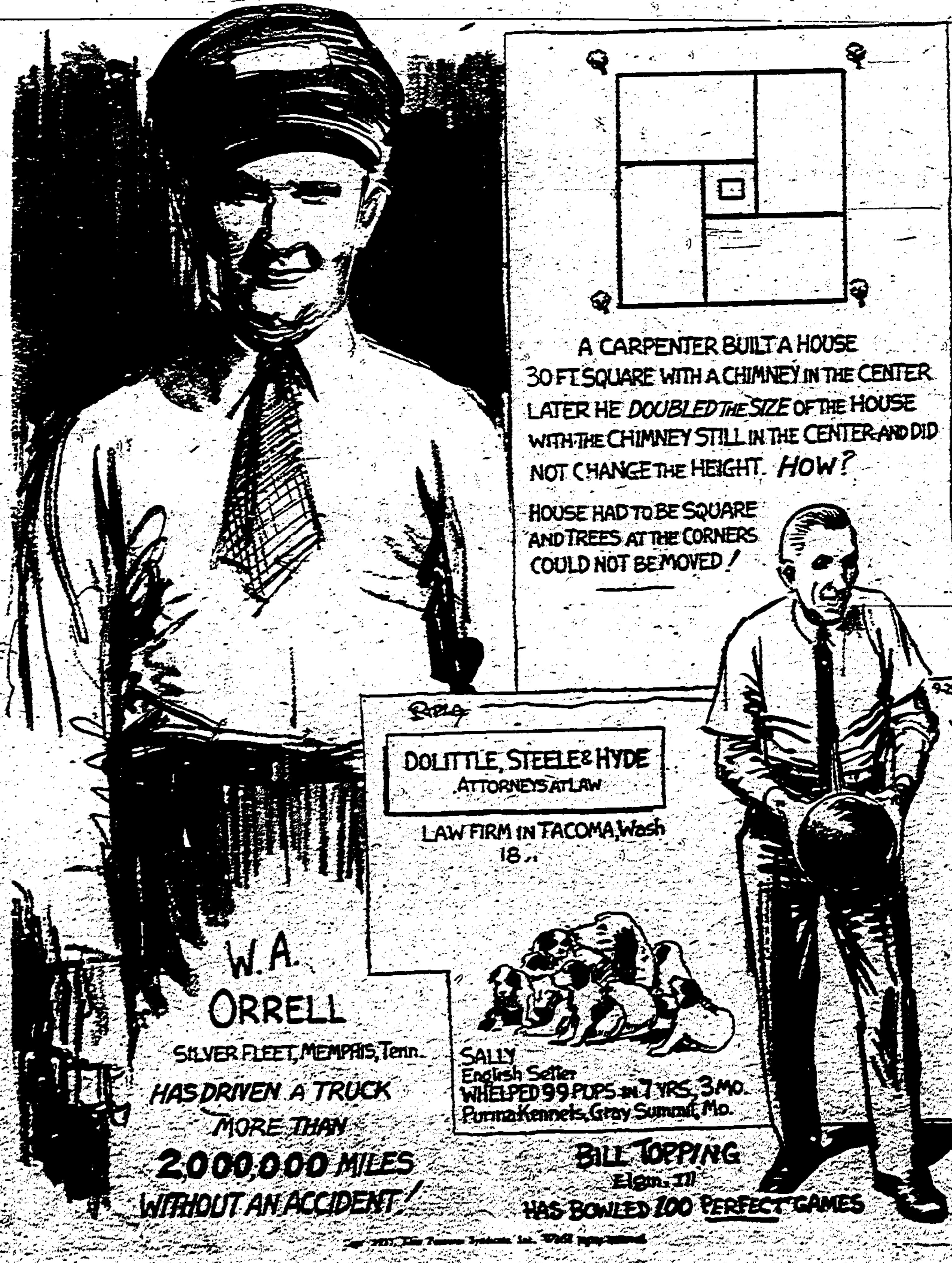
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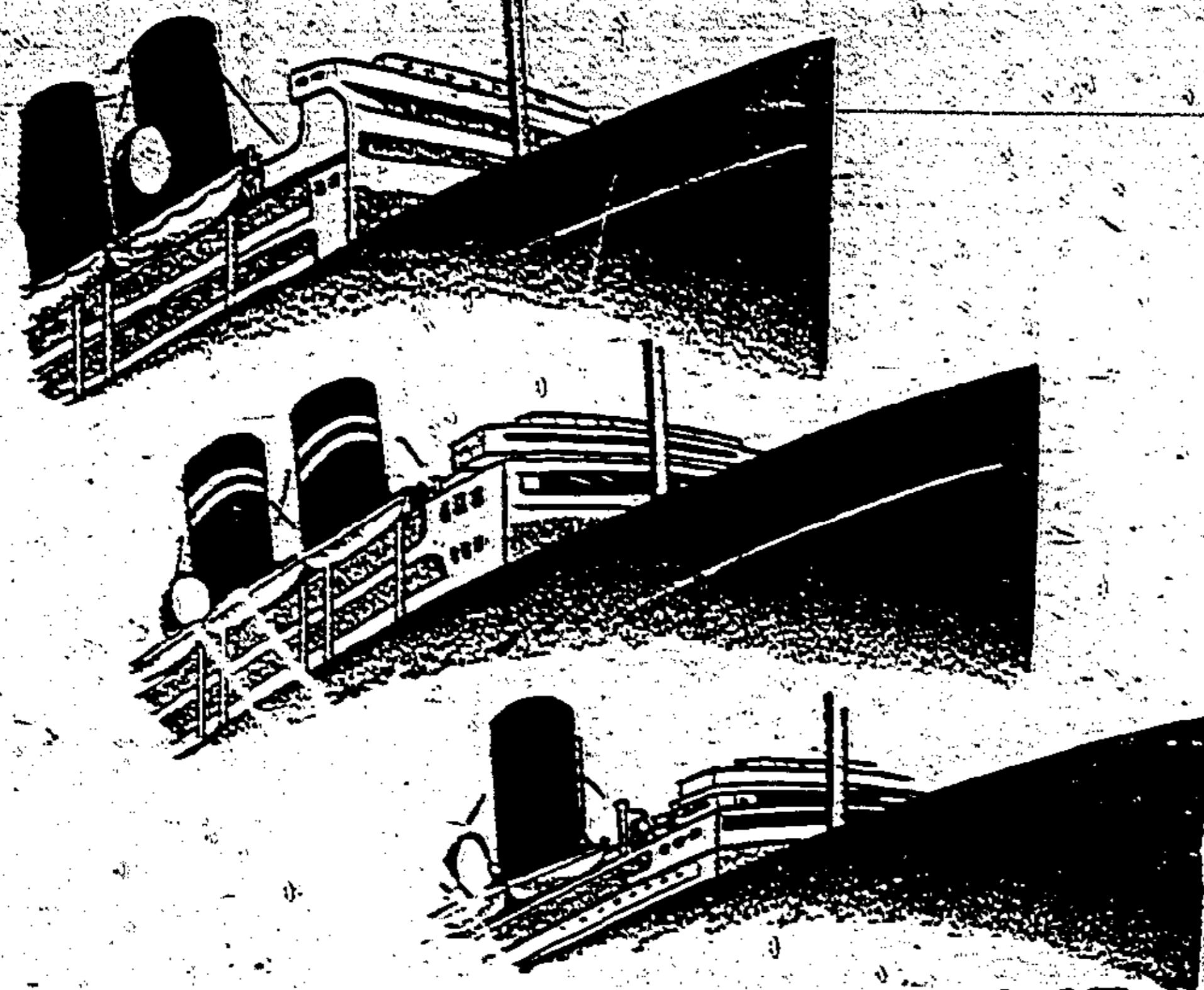
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		Wednesday
Shanghai	Kanchow	Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
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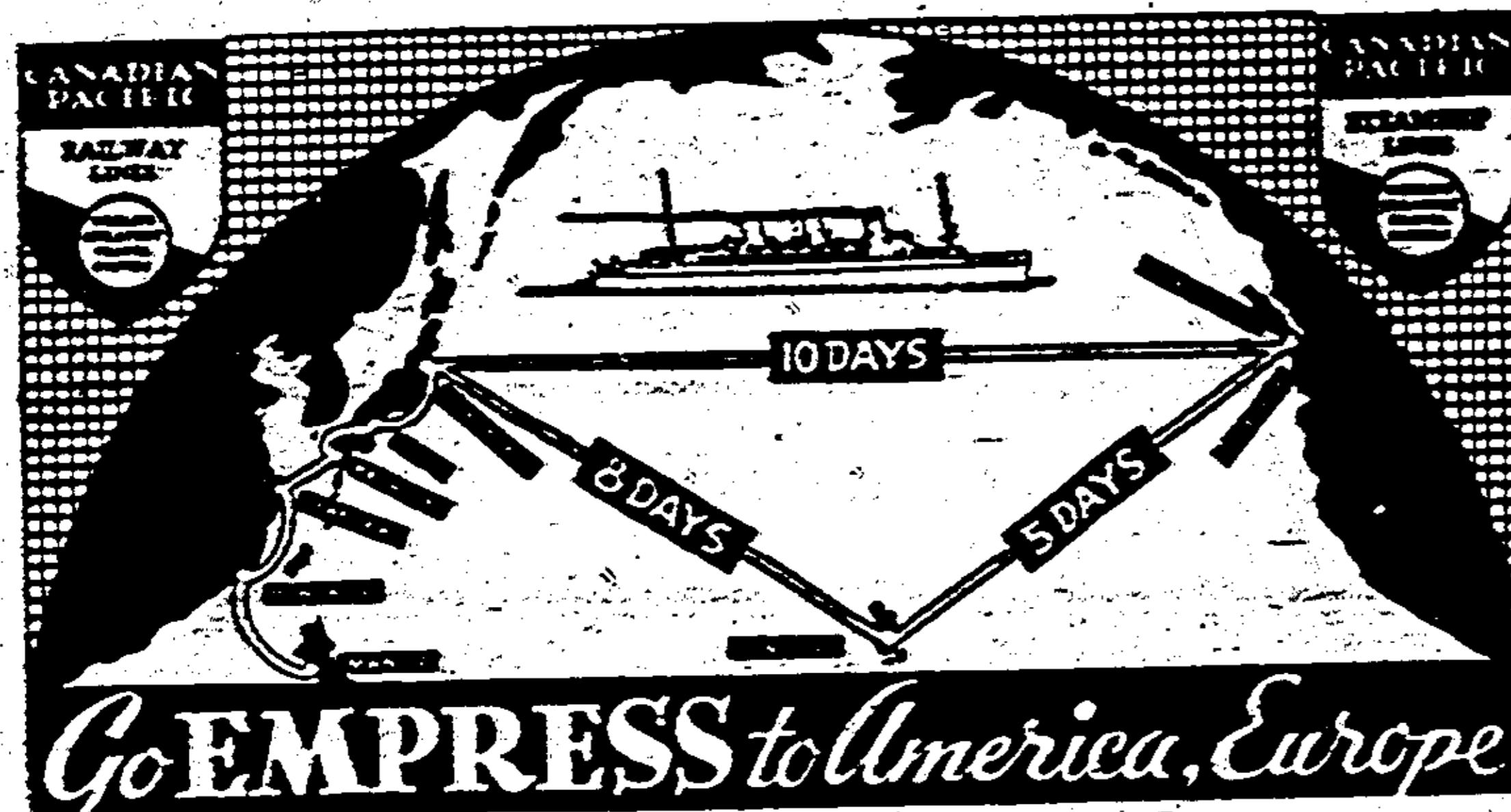
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

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**GROWTH OF THE
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Two New 35,000-Ton
Battleships

Details of German warships now under construction are given in the "Year Book of the German Navy" for 1938, which has just been published in Berlin. These are:

Two 35,000-ton battleships, armed with eight 14.9in and 12 5.9in guns;

Two 19,250-ton aircraft carriers;

One 10,000-ton heavy cruiser, armed with eight 8in guns and 12 4.2in anti-aircraft guns;

Two 10,000-ton light cruisers, armed with 6in guns;

Six 1,811-ton destroyers;

Twelve 600-ton torpedo boats; and

Twelve 600-ton minesweepers, armed with two 4.2in and one 1.5in guns.

It is expected that a third battleship will be added to this list shortly. The heavy cruiser now building is a sister ship to the Admiral Hipper and the Blücher launched recently, and as a result of Germany's adherence to the Naval Treaty, will be the last of its type to be built.

Two 7,000-ton light cruisers, armed with 6in guns, have also been planned.

**WERE YOU
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(By AIR MAIL)

Capetown, December 2.

Falling unconscious to earth after a record parachute jump of 22,395 feet, near Johannesburg, today, William A. Kerr, 30-year-old Rand commercial traveller, was greeted by natives when he recovered consciousness with the amazing demand:

"Were you sent by heaven as a herald of rain?"

But he could tell them only that he had no inside information about the end of the present drought.

Mr. Kerr's jump is believed to be a record for the British Empire. World record is claimed by Soviet Russia, with a jump of 36,000 feet by Captain Kaitanov last August.

(By AIR MAIL)

London, November 27.

Prince Birabongse, the racing motorist, who went to Siam to get the permission of the King, his cousin, to marry Miss Cecil Heycock, will return to London early in the New Year.

"The wedding will probably take place shortly after his return," Miss Heycock told an "Evening News" representative to-day.

Prince Birabongse, who races under the name of B. Bira, is 23.

Miss Heycock, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. P. R. Heycock, of Evelyn-gardens, South Kensington, is 21. She is an art student.

"We have been unofficially engaged for some time," she said.

WITH BROTHER AT ETON

"My fiance left for Siam on October 16, after the motor-racing season, and he cabled me yesterday to say that he had received the King's permission.

"The Prince was in the same house as my brother at Eton, but I first met him at an art school in London.

"I am very keen on painting. He is both a sculptor and a painter.

"At the moment I can say nothing of the marriage plans, but I am expecting a letter from the Prince in a few days' time. We may take a studio in London."

THE RING

Miss Heycock was wearing her engagement ring—a large solitaire diamond.

The Prince left it at a jeweller's when he went to Siam and arranged that as soon as he cabled the consent to the engagement Miss Heycock's father should hand it to her.

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PAN-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS FOR DAMAGE AGAINST JAPAN

Jerusalem, To-day.

Negotiations between Jews and Arabs have been going on for some time in Paris, London, Cairo and Beirut, it is stated here, the aim of all these conversations being to achieve the foremost Arab goal, namely the creation of a Pan-Arab state, including Palestine, Trans-jordan and Iraq.

The plan for such a Pan-Arab State originates from the late King Feisal of Iraq, and is now advocated chiefly by the Iraq Foreign Minister, Nuri Pasha Essaid, who is at present touring the Arab countries on a special mission.

In this connection, the Arab paper "Addisfar" warns against precipitate acceptance of tempting proposals from the opposite side, recalling that the former King had only drawn up his plan on the day before his death.—Trans-Ocean.

TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Though news of terrorist activities from Palestine is no longer so frequent, this does by no means mean that the terrorists, who have been active for the last 20 months, have terminated their activities.

About 20 shots were fired on Sunday at a bus occupied by Jews on the way from Nazareth to Tiberias, when one passenger was seriously wounded. Numerous reports of assaults and assassinations as well as sabotage were received from other parts of the country, intimating that the heavy penalties and military measures imposed by the British authorities have not yet succeeded in achieving the desired result.

Near the village of Shaad, not far from the Syrian frontier, an Arab terrorist was killed in a skirmish between an Arab band and a military patrol. Near Tiberias a Jewish auxiliary policeman was kidnapped by a band of 15 Arabs. It is believed that he was subsequently killed, since his horse returned home alone.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1430 b., \$1430 sa.
INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$516 s.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$48 1/2 b.
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China Lights Rights \$5 b.

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Telephones (Old) \$26 1/2 s.

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INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$12.60 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$5 b.

Hong Kong Mines 13cts. s.

BRITISH CLAIM FOR DAMAGE AGAINST JAPAN

London, To-day.

In an answer in the House of Commons yesterday on the question of claims for damage to British property in the Far East, the Foreign Secretary said: "It has not yet been possible to formulate many of these claims, still less to verify them, so it would be premature to consider publication of a White Paper."

Mr. Eden had been asked whether he would publish a White Paper containing particulars of direct injury to British citizens, property and interests by Japanese military forces in China that had evoked British Government representations.

Mr. Eden added that British representatives in China had details which had not yet reached him.

Sir Percy Harris (Labour, West Retford Green) asked if the Japanese had accepted liability in principle for damage done where it can be proved that the Japanese were responsible.

PLUNDERING CLAIMS

Mr. Eden said: "These are of many different characters. In certain respects the answer is 'Yes' but I would not like to say in all."

Mr. Will Thorne (Labour, Plaistow) asked: "Are the Japanese Government responsible for plundering by their soldiers when entering towns?"

Mr. Eden: "Yes. I think that is precisely one of the items under which claims may be made." — Reuter.

HULLO HONG KONG

Something For Everyone

To-morrow night is Crazy Night at the China Fleet Club Theatre, for at 9.15, "Hullo Hong Kong," which has been described as "the gayest, craziest, daftest, most unbelievably chaotic thing of all time," will be presented.

Fifteen items embracing farce, satire, burlesque, song, dance and good humour will comprise the two-hour programme which will be repeated on Thursday evening at the same hour.

The last-minute booking rush is just beginning at Messrs. Moutrie and the ship's office, H.M.S. Westcott and intending patrons should lose no time in securing their seats.

HANKOW CROWDED WITH RIVERCRAFT

Hankow, To-day.

The evacuation of British women and children from Hankow has become very difficult because of the blockade of the lower Yangtse.

Hundreds of rivercraft of all sizes, driven upstream by the Japanese advance are assembling in Hankow and will be used for the evacuation further up the river.

Below Kiukiang, thousands of Chinese have just completed a new boom after many weeks of hard labour, using stones from the near-by mountains.—Trans-Ocean.

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CLUB'S PERFECT



A striking action photograph from last Saturday's friendly hockey encounter at King's Park between the C.B.A. Ladies and the H.K. Ladies, which resulted in a win for the latter by four clear goals. The above shows Mrs. Scrimgeour (centre) about to score one of H.K. Ladies' goals while Miss D. Moss (left), the C.B.A. custodian and Miss Whitley (right) look on. ("Mail" photo).

Missed Chances In Hockey Rules Revision

MORE FAULTS EXPOSED

(By A. LOREBURN)

Glasgow, November 20.

A fault that is very common in Scottish hockey this season is interference with sticks. It is unfortunate that, when the rules of the game were revised, the word "hooking" was not deleted and some other word used in its place.

LADIES IMPROVE YOUR HOCKEY!

TEAM'S DEFENCE TACTICS

(By "CENTRE-BULLY")

It is often supposed that a heavy, slow player will make the best back, but in any good team the backs need to be just as fast as the forwards. They should keep up together in a line exactly as the forwards do, only behind them, and endeavour to get the ball away from the opposing forwards before these can reach the circle.

One back should support another. This means that one should stay slightly behind the other. If, when tackling, the first one fails to get the ball, her supporter takes on the tackling, while she doubles back to be ready to tackle again, if the second back is passed.

Marking is an important part of back play. Centre half marks the opposing centre forward, the left back marks the right inner, the right back marks the left inner, the right half-back marks the left wing, and the left half-back the right wing. This is the general scheme of the game, but in actual play there is, of course, a certain amount of inter-changing, dependent on the forwards' ability to get free.

Backs and half-backs should keep on the goal side of the forwards, but whereas the half-back line follows close to its own forward line right up to the opponents' goal circle, the backs do not follow the forwards, they are covering for the whole dis-

It is made very clear in the notes on the rules issued under the authority of the International Hockey Board that lifting or knocking-up an opponent's stick is a breach of the rules. This does not appear to be very well known among Scottish hockey players, for in several games this season players have shown great surprise when they were penalised for this fault.

AGGRAVATING OFFENCE

Striking and holding an opponent's stick have also been noticed among players in club games this season. There is nothing more likely to cause bad feeling among players than knocking-up or holding an opponent's stick. It is a most aggravating offence. It is also, I think, unfortunate that when the rules were revised, using the foot to support or to propel the stick was not made illegal. It is sometimes very difficult for an umpire to tell when a ball has been played with the stick or with the foot. It would make a very much better game if the use of the feet was eliminated altogether.

tance. They make a second line of defence a few yards behind the half back line.

LACK OF COMBINATION

Lack of combination is often due to wild passing on the part of the backs. These players are usually strong people with a good eye, but too often when they get the ball they just hit it as hard as they can straight down the field without having any definite objective. The ball goes past both forward lines to the opposing backs, who return it in the same way.

The backs and half-backs should always try to give an accurate, definite pass to one of their forwards, who can then start an attacking movement.

FORWARD LINE

ATTACK AGAINST ARMY WAS FINEST IN RECENT YEARS

THE SHORT CORNER IS PERFECTLY TAKEN ARMY CAN STILL IMPROVE TEAM

(By "STICKS")

WITH the exception of the Triangular Tournament hockey encounter last Tuesday between the Army and the Club on the Sookunpoo ground, hockey has been practically at a standstill, although the ladies held several friendly fixtures over the week-end.

LAST TUESDAY'S CLASH BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE CLUB PRODUCED PROBABLY THE FINEST HOCKEY SEEN IN THE COLONY FOR SEVERAL SEASONS, MOST OF IT COMING FROM THE CLUB, WHO GAVE A MAGNIFICENT ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE AND THEIR 3-1 VICTORY OVER WHAT WAS PROBABLY THE BEST TEAM THE SERVICE SIDE COULD RAISE, WAS A MERITORIOUS ONE.

Not long ago the Army Hockey Selectors felt justified in fielding the entire Rajputana Rifle forward line in a Triangular Tournament game because they wanted to maintain a perfect attacking machine. Those who witnessed last Tuesday's game will agree with me, I am sure, that a better forward line than the Club's on their display then would be VERY HARD TO FIND!

Every man did his job perfectly. There was complete co-ordination between halves and forwards, while the backs did their stuff when called upon. Fowler and Bond are certain to secure their places in the Colony eleven to meet Macao if they maintain anything like last Tuesday's form, while Whitley and Bickford, the two inside forwards, were also very much in the lime-light.

Divett was a revelation. I must admit that I never thought much of Divett's play, but after last Tuesday's performance I must change my opinion of him. We saw the old Divett in action—and at his best. His short passing with Whitley and Bickford, and fine distribution to his winger with lovely "daisy-cutters" were featured throughout, while he has lost none of his speed in backing up a player.

REED INVINCIBLE

Willy Reed, despite the fact that other pivots have been and are still acclaimed everyday, will always find his place in the Colony team. He was well nigh invincible and it must have broken Pritam Nath's heart to see the majority of his scooped passes stopped by Reed's stick.

Rates, at right-half, gave a magnificent performance or aggressive spoiling and completely held Gopal Ram and Partab Singh, the Army left-wing combination, in no mean achievement, although he found difficulty in getting the ball away to his forwards on occasions. Potter, on the other flanking position, also did his share, although I think we have already seen his best.

NOT PENALISED ENOUGH

Wallace, at right-back, was definitely good and his fine intercepting and first time mid-air clearances—with a minimum of danger to his own charge—marks him as a likely contender for Colony honours. E. V. Reed, his partner, played a busting game, but was inclined to barge unnecessarily at times and should have been penalised more often. Ben-

TO-MORROW'S TRIANGULAR HOCKEY GAME

Club Entertain Army In Return Clash

The following team will represent the 1st XI of the Hong-Kong Hockey Club against the Army in their return Triangular Tournament match to-morrow, at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground at King's park:

V. M. Benwell; R. A. Wallace, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

The following players have been selected to represent the Army against the Hong Kong Hockey Club to-morrow:

Wilson; Stickley and Kishan Singh; L/Cpl Ray, Capt Stapleton and Tara Singh; Khanda Bux, Lt. Sawal Khan, Lt. Pritam Nath, Nerain Singh and Partab Singh.

The players, who will appear in colours, are requested to be at the ground by 4.15 p.m.

well played a safe game in goal with one exception, when a mistimed clearance saw Pritam Nath score the Army's only goal.

Probably the outstanding feature of the game was the manner in which the Club took their short corners. They have perfected it to a fine art and the only other team I have seen approach them in this department was the Regimental team from the Punjabis.

ARMY DISAPPOINTING

The Army were clearly a disappointing team, the failure of their intermediate line and full-back division to cope with the Club attacks being conspicuous.

Wilson was the only redeeming feature of this poor attack and it was evident after the game that his inclusion in the team had been unnecessarily delayed.

Stibling, the right-back, and Swanson, the left-back, were an ill-assorted pair and could achieve very little in the manner of combination or understanding. They ran over necessarily at times and should have ed each other's approaches and been penalised more often. Ben-

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MAJOR BADMINTON SENSATION

CHINESE "Y" DEFEAT UNIVERSITY "A"

COLONY DOUBLES HOLDERS DEFEATED

VARSITY 3-3 AT SECOND ROUND BUT LOSE 5 TO 4

UNIVERSITY "A," Champions of the "A" Division, of the Men's Doubles Badminton League, suffered at the hands of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association last evening, when they were beaten by 5 games to 4 at Bridges Street.

THIS WAS VARSITY "A'S" FIRST DEFEAT OF THE SEASON, AND IT LOOKS VERY MUCH AS IF THEY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT HARD WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER RECREIO "A," WHO TWO WEEKS AGO BEAT THE WINNERS BY 7 GAMES TO 7 AT KING'S PARK.

Patrick Wong and C. E. Chng were not at their best last night and were almost beaten by the University's second string, C. C. Lee and C. K. Lee, during the third round, when the latter pair, putting all they possessed into the match, made desperate and inspiring efforts to win the game to give the University the points.

Wong and Chng, however, rallied H. Koh and S. Y. Hon (Chinese "Y") towards the latter part of the game and won it after being given a severe fright.

Last night's match opened with the encounter on which most attention had been focussed — between Patrick Wong and C. E. Chng, Colony Men's Doubles Badminton Champions, and P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, the University crack pair — the game being very exciting.

CHNG OUTPOSITIONED

The University pair led almost throughout the game, but every now and then Wong and Chng recovered and drew level. Wong was at his best in this particular game, but Chng was outpositioned on many occasions.

Smelches, drop-shots, lobbing, and placements were skilfully executed making the game most entertaining to watch.

The scores of the game was levelled at 18 aces and in securing three additional aces in one service, the University pair won the game. Hui played magnificently in the rear court, and was always in the right position at the right moment.

UNAVAILING EFFORT

After the first round the University led by 2 games to 1, but lost two games in the second round bringing the scores at the end of the third round to 3-3. Hui and Yong won their game in the third round and victory or defeat depended on C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee, who made an excellent but unavailing effort to beat Wong and Chng.

Had Wong and Chng continued their lobbing tactics, there would have been no doubt of a University victory, but fortunately they changed their methods towards the latter stages of the game and made sure of the points. C. O. Lee played extraordinarily well in this game. His over-head smashing was fast and accurate.

In this game, Wong and Chng again displayed a lack of combination.

CHAMPIONS BEATEN BY CHINESE "Y"

P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng (Chinese "Y"), lost to P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong 18-21
beat C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee 21-14
beat T. F. Yong and P. K. Chan 21-7
Y. C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y"), lost to Hui and Yong 16-21
beat Lee and Lee 21-14
beat Yong and Chan 21-4



Miss D. Moss, the C.B.A. Ladies' custodian comes to the rescue of her team when she prevents Mrs. Allin, the H.K. Ladies' centre-forward, from scoring in an opposition raid during last Saturday's friendly hockey game at King's Park. ("Mail" photo).

PRESIDENT'S V. CAPTAIN'S GOLF ENCOUNTER

K.G.C. MEMBERS RAISE \$300 FOR CHARITY

The annual President's and Captain's Golf Match was held last Sunday and resulted in a victory for the former team by 18 points to 13½ points, silver spoons being presented to members of the winning team after the day's play.

At the tiffin interval a sum of over \$300.00 was raised for the Children's Playground Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

HOCKEY

(Continued from Page 18) cleared haphazardly.

POOREST EVER

The Army intermediate line was the poorest I have seen for the past five seasons. Ritchie, a veteran of the game, was included at right-half and was clearly not fit enough to stand up to the pace of the game, while Stapleton's wanderings took him all over the field and onto the toes of his wing-halves, much to their annoyance. Austen, the left-half, chose the wrong day to strike his worst form and, although he harried the Club right-wing to some extent, found Whitely and Fowler a little too much for his liking.

It is about time the Army selectors awoke to the fact that Shah Wali is not the best right-winger among Army players and that his inclusion in this berth was not justified in view of his previous poor showings. I suppose his inclusion carried some weight.

FORWARD CHANGES NECESSARY

I should like to see Khuda Bux, of the H.K.S.R.A., given a chance as he has not yet let the Army team down. Saval Khan and Pritam Nath are bound to retain their places and should do so as I cannot see any other player ousting them, although

Gopal Ram, is and will always be a passenger at inside-left when up against a better class of hockey than he has been accustomed to. Nerkar Singh's exclusion from the team has probably been motivated by reason of his peculiar type of play. Many contend that he is too selfish to be included, but there is no denying the fact that paired with Partab Singh, they make the most dangerous left-wing combination in South China! Wake up you Army selectors.

Above I commented on the poor ness of the Army intermediate line, but failed to suggest a solution. The one and only solution on current form would be to include Spr. Ray

at right-half, Cpl. Land in the pivot al berth and Cpl. Cox of the Royal Corps of Signals at left-half, or vice versa. Cox is by far the most constructive half I have seen in local hockey and should ultimately find his place in the team, although India, America, England, Portugal, Philippines Islands, and two teams from China.

SINGLES	
President	Captain
R. K. Collings	W. Taylor
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C. W. L. Cole	H. R. Billings
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P. J. Bone	M. A. Cairns
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	9½
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A. McCormick & P. J. Bone	J. Kerwen & M. A. Cairns
	4½
	8½
	13½
Fourballs	8½
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	18

BRITISH ISLES SOCCER TEAM TO MEET H.K.F.A. ON JANUARY 2

The following have been chosen to represent the British Isles against Hong Kong in an exhibition Football game on the Club ground on January 2, 1938.

Rowlands (Kowloon); Webster (Seaforts) and Bright (Middlesex); Evans (Kowloon), J. Skinner and Wilson (Club); Coalkey (Kowloon); McGuigan (Seaforts); Pearson (Middlesex); Howlett (Police) and Bickford (Club). Reserves: Bone (Police), Saw (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); McCusker (Seaforts).

Corps of Signals at left-half, or vice versa. Cox is by far the most constructive half I have seen in local hockey and should ultimately find his place in the team, although India, America, England, Portugal, Philippines Islands, and two teams from China.

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL SERIES

Series For January In Aid Of Charity

A Softball League meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday to discuss the formation of an International Softball League to start in January. Mr. George Chow presided.

Mr. R. Lau proposed the League be sponsored and organised by the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, and the gate proceeds to be donated to this Association.

The following countries have promised to join the League — India, America, England, Portugal, Philippines Islands, and two teams from China.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY

Glasgow, November 20. The only perfect specimen of manhood I can think of in the tennis world is the Swede, Kalle Schroeder.—Captain E. D. Preston.

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It's not for me to say I'm the best golfer in the world, or even one of the best. I'll just come over if everything works out between now and then and you will have to judge me for yourselves.—John Montague (the "rake-and-shovel" golfer.)

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Purity drives in sport have become fashionable since the English Football Association started theirs at the beginning of this campaign, and though many doubted whether lawn tennis would ever be roped-in for

cleansing it looks as if it is to be next on the list.—Geoffrey Simpson.

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Boxing attracts the highbrow as no other British sport can do. Byron celebrated Gentleman Jackson, and Hazlitt wrote a truly heroic account of the great fight between the Gasman and Bill Neate. The description of the Gasman spouting blood from his obliterated face and falling backwards as lifeless and flat as a board is unforgettable.—Colin Brogan.

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One of the most consistent sides in England, and nearly the best I have seen this season, are Brentford, the present leaders. They do not try to be too "clever," but their team work is sound and they keep

the ball on the move. I think they are more likely to stay the pace than most teams.—A. G. Shrive.

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Who would run a professional football team? Without question it is the biggest gamble in sport. Every season the problem of making both ends meet becomes more acute for the majority of English League clubs, yet every season there are clubs ready and eager to take the places of those who fall by the wayside.—J. H. Freeman.

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The men who guide the destinies of Welsh Rugby have many problems which never seriously trouble committee men in the other countries. Nearly all of them arise from the fact that in Wales Rugby is the



game of the working man or the out-of-work player. Imperfect knowledge of rules which need a lawyer to interpret, occasional forgetfulness of the distinction between vigorous and rough play, and ever-present difficulties of finance all add to the perplexities which confront the administrators of club and international Rugby in Wales.—Rowe Hardinge.

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Most British boys who take up boxing do not have the necessary foundation of good food and living to build up a strong physique. Most young American fighters have this sound foundation to start with, and most American managers see to it that they live properly while training and fighting. Good food and living mean good purse money, and that seems to be the root of your boxing problems in Britain.—Victor M'Laglen.

LONDON CALIES' DECLINE

"Dice Loaded Against Us," States Secretary

London, November 24.

Reasons for the decline in playing strength of the London Caledonians compared with their past fame were discussed in an interview yesterday by Mr. R. Noble, hon. secretary of the club and an old international. Expressing his personal views, he said that the Caledonians were naturally anxious to recruit good players "But," he added "we find the dice loaded against us."

"It is probably true," he continued, "that fewer good Scottish amateur soccer players are now coming South, but a sufficient number still do so who could enable the Calies to keep in the forefront, if only they would show a patriotic allegiance to the club, instead of playing elsewhere."

"Scottish descent is the qualification for membership of the Calies, who rigidly refuse to have any dealings with the 'sham amateur.' All prospective players are made aware of the lines on which the club is run and it is a plain statement of fact that, in more than one case, players who have been so informed, have joined other clubs."

"The officials are staunchly carrying on in the face of many difficulties because they feel that a club with such traditions should not be allowed to fade out. How much easier their task would be if some of the players now outside the ranks would, with the true Scottish spirit of loyalty, rally to the Caledonians' flag. In the good spirit of our Scottish atmosphere they would be welcomed and made at home."

CARNERA BEATEN

Paris, November 19.—Primo Carnera was outpointed by Di Meglio, of Marseilles, at the Salle Wagram here to-night.

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BLACKPOOL PAY £10,000 FOR CELTIC FORWARD

WILLIAM BUCHAN HAS ROMANTIC CAREER STARTED AS GOALKEEPER

(By "TRAVELLER")

THOSE who thought that the days of the big transfer fee were nearly over received a rude shock this week when it was found that Blackpool had paid £10,000 for William Buchan, the Celtic inside forward.

THIS IS THE HIGHEST FIGURE PAID FOR A SCOTTISH LEAGUE CLUB PLAYER, THE NEXT BEST BEING ASTON VILLA'S £9,300 FOR CUMMINGS, THE PARTICK THISTLE FULL BACK. HIGHEST FIGURE OF ALL, OF COURSE, REMAINS THE £10,890 PAID BY ARSENAL TO BOLTON WANDERERS FOR DAVID JACK, ALSO AN INSIDE RIGHT.

There are many people who will say that no player is worth £10,000, because, even from an actuarial standpoint, it is a very expensive proposition, together with the risk of injury. Buchan, presumably, is going to cost in the region of £1,000 per annum, plus his wages, for the rest of his playing career.

The other way of looking at it is that if certain players we all know are worth £4,000 and £5,000, then Buchan is certainly worth the five figures. Also, he is probably worth a whole lot more to Blackpool in their present dire straits than he is to many another club.

BLACKPOOL'S SCOTS

Blackpool, the most go-ahead of holiday resorts, will risk all for their football club, which already has many Scots on their list. Wallace, their goalkeeper, was with Raith Rovers. Hill, who was with them as captain last season, is the versatile ex-Arsenal half-back or forward, who came from Aberdeen and Forfar Athletic. Phil Watson, ex-Hamilton Academicals, who played for Scotland against Austria a few seasons ago, was another of Blackpool's Scots. In the front line there are already Munro, the Heart of Midlothian winger; Finan, a clever centre forward from Yoker Athletic, and Blair, a young inside left, son of a famous father, the Blair, who, when with Cardiff City, partnered Jock Marshall and Hutton at full back for Scotland.

START AS CUSTODIAN

Buchan, who is a true Parkhead reared player, may be the man to bring cohesion to a talented side.

Beginning his football career as a goalkeeper—this may explain his success with penalty kicks—this boy graduated with Grange Rovers, and was quickly snapped up by Celtic. Contemporary with Tommy Walker throughout his senior football days, he has not received all the publicity that might have been his in other circumstances. Lahky, and by no means strong, he yet impressed because of his ability to open out play when necessary. He is stronger now and his pace is deceptive.

A GREAT CLUBMAN

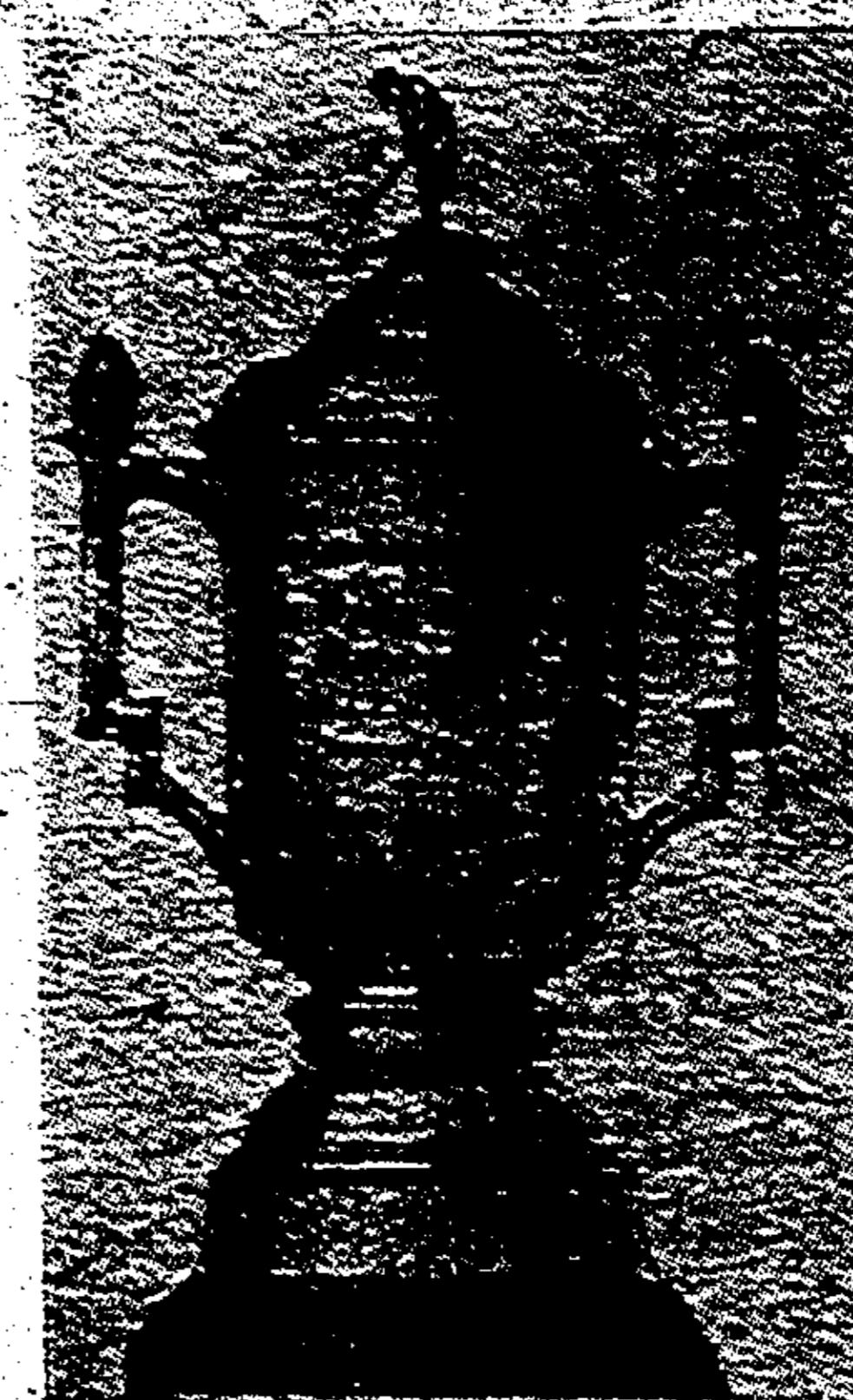
To see Buchan at his best one must visualise a Celtic side at five-a-side. He is a great team player, and therefore a greater clubman perhaps than Walker, but the Celt has failed in representative games and has won only two appearances in Scottish League sides.

Nevertheless, he will be sadly missed in Scotland—a good, clear player of typically Celtic craft.

And while these English thousands are more than useful to Scottish clubs, it is to be hoped that Walker and Black, of the Hearts, do not follow over the Border, although there must be a price to win anybody's signature.

A. B. Sellers has again been invited to captain the Yorkshire County eleven for next season, and Col. R. C. Chichester-Constable the second eleven.

FIGURE TRANSFER



SCOTTISH F.A. CUP DRAW MADE

CELTIC WILL MEET THIRD LANARK

London, To-day.

The draw for the First Round of the Scottish F.A. Cup was made yesterday afternoon in Glasgow, and will be played on January 22. Celtic, holders of the Trophy, will meet Third Lanark in an away encounter, while Aberdeen, last season's runners-up, encounter Elgin City in also an away encounter.

The draw as cabled by Reuter, is as follows:

Clyde v. Motherwell;
Raith Rovers v. Montrose;
Queen's Park v. Galston;
Falkirk v. Dalbeattie Star;
Cowdenbeath v. Brechin City;
Churnside v. Ross County;
Penkhill Athletic v. King's Park;
Boness v. Hamilton;
Kilmarnock v. Dumbarton;
Third Lanark v. Celtic;
Stranraer v. Partick;
Dunfermline v. St. Mirren;
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Elgin City v. Aberdeen;
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Alloa v. Glasgow Rangers;
St. Bernards v. Vale of Leithen;
Huntley v. Nithsdale;
Airdrieonians v. East Fife.

NEW BRIGHTON ENTER F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND

London, To-day.

New Brighton entered the Third Round of the F.A. Cup competition yesterday, when they defeated Crewe Alexandra by 4 goals to 1 in their Second Round replay, after sharing two goals on December 15. They will now meet Plymouth, at home, in the Third Round, which will take place on January 8.—Reuter.

H.K.F.A. TEAM TO ENCOUNTER H.K.C.A.A.F. XI

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association against the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in a charity game on Christmas day on the Caroline Hill ground at 3.30 p.m.

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WILDE LOSES 3 TENNIS FINALS TORQUAY SINGLES FOR SHAYES

BRILLIANT END TO THE DOUBLES

CZECH PAIR'S SUCCESS

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

THE last day of the Palace covered court tournament at Torquay and, incidentally, that of the British season, was remarkable for a fine doubles final, in which Biba and Cejnar, the Czech pair, beat Wilde and Butler 7-9, 9-7, 6-3.

IT WAS AN UNLUCKY DAY FOR WILDE. HE LOST ALL HIS THREE FINALS, BUT IN THIS ONE, WHICH CAME IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS DEFEAT BY SHAYES IN THE SINGLES, HE PLAYED SOME GREAT TENNIS, AND IT WAS REALLY ONLY THE AMAZING FORM OF THE CZECHS IN THE THIRD SET THAT LED TO THE DEFEAT OF THE COVERED COURT CHAMPIONS.

I never want to see better closequarter volleying. Every man was enterprising, and nearly every good thrust had a counter. All the way through it was a fight for a service break, and in the end it was the superior service returns of the Czechs that secured it.

Siba was seen in an entirely new role as a shrewd and subtle volleymer; it was his coolness and superb ball control that carried the long second set. In the third set both partners lifted their game, and in the last three games, in spite of the stoutest defence, they were irresistible.

Ronald Shayes ended his match season by playing three glorious sets in sequence. He followed his love set the previous day against Siba by taking two in less than half an hour against Wilde in the singles final.

AGAINST INSPIRED PLAYER
Wilde may have been reacting after his strenuous Friday, but he was up against an inspired covered court player, and those who saw Shayes play Borotra in their recent indoor championship at Queen's need only be told that the winner had shed his tendency to lapse at game point.

He was in control of the match from start to finish, losing only one service game and breaking through Wilde's service three times. Best of all was his cool and incisive play when in the last game his opponent saved three match balls—the only crisis that Shayes was required to face.

FORCED RISING BALL
Wilde's portion in the first set was two games, secured exclusively by service ace. They proved to

other six even had a deuce. Shayes was producing winners all round the court, mostly without a challenging rally. Like Andre Gobert he forced the rising ball with his service, and then, using his long reach and eye for the disconcerting angle, volleyed the ball out of sight. Shayes did not quite maintain this dazzling form in the second set, partly because Wilde improved in his ground shots, and partly because he did not play the longer rallies as merrily as the short. But he never really relaxed his ascendancy. After Wilde had served double fault to lose the fifth game, Shayes failed to get his 4-2 lead, but he was quick to forge ahead again coming to 5-3 on service and volley with splendid control.

SHAYES IMPROVEMENT

Wilde took his own service from 15 in the ninth game, and held on grimly when Shayes went out for a winning volley and hit the tape,

and three times Wilde recovered three smashes. The fourth lob and the fourth smash brought victory.

If Davis Cup matches were played on boards under cover—and none

is—Shayes would be a candidate for inclusion in the singles squad. If he can reconcile his brilliant attacking strokes to the vagaries of surface and weather encounters out

of doors I see nothing to check his advance, which was definitely mark-

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PROFESSIONALS RESIGN FROM OWN BODY

London, November 27.—A number of leading professionals have resigned from the Squash Rackets Professionals Association, who are, at present, at war with the Squash Rackets Association over their authority to market a ball of their own.

Two of these, L. Rogers (Union Club) and W. J. Gordon (Conservative Club), are on the Executive Committee of the S.R.P.A. "I cannot go against the principles of my club," said Gordon yesterday. "I am their servant and have to think about my job. I do not desire conflict with the controlling body of the game." A. E. Biddle, the professional at the Junior Carlton, who is challenging J. Dear for the professional title, has also handed in his resignation, and it is expected that a number of other professionals will follow suit.

BRITISH SQUASH TEAM FOR AMERICA

London, November 24.

At the invitation of the American authorities the Squash Rackets Association are sending a team of British players to play international matches in the United States and Canada and to compete in the various championships. The team will leave England on Jan. 11.

Twenty-five leading players are being asked by the S.R.A. whether they can make the trip, and among them are Amr Bey, Dr. John Stokes, J. A. Gillies and D. M. Backhouse.

Amr Bey is unable to accept the invitation, as he always has to go to Egypt in the New Year to attend to private affairs. This will be a great disappointment to the Americans, who have always been particularly anxious to see the world's greatest squash player.

NEWMAN AND DAVIS FOR ABROAD?

Negotiations are proceeding for Tom Newman and Joe Davis to make visits abroad. Newman may play exhibition games of snooker and billiards in Paris and Davis plans to go to America.

ed at Torquay.

DOUBTFUL LINE DECISION
Miss Freda James won the women's singles, but not until she and Miss Yorke had waged an exhausting battle of three sets. The winner got the benefit of a doubtful line decision, which gave her a precious 5-2 lead in the final set. It looked a point of some moment, for it allowed Miss James to go all out for the vital ninth game, when her spirits were nearly finished.

Both girls made some lovely backhand shots down the line, and when you see these strokes executed in the right way—that is with a horizontal racket—you know that good lawn tennis is being played.

Billington and Miss Jarvis wound up a good week by winning the mixed doubles, and Miss Nuttall and Miss Yorke beat Miss Hardwick and Miss James in the final of the women's doubles.

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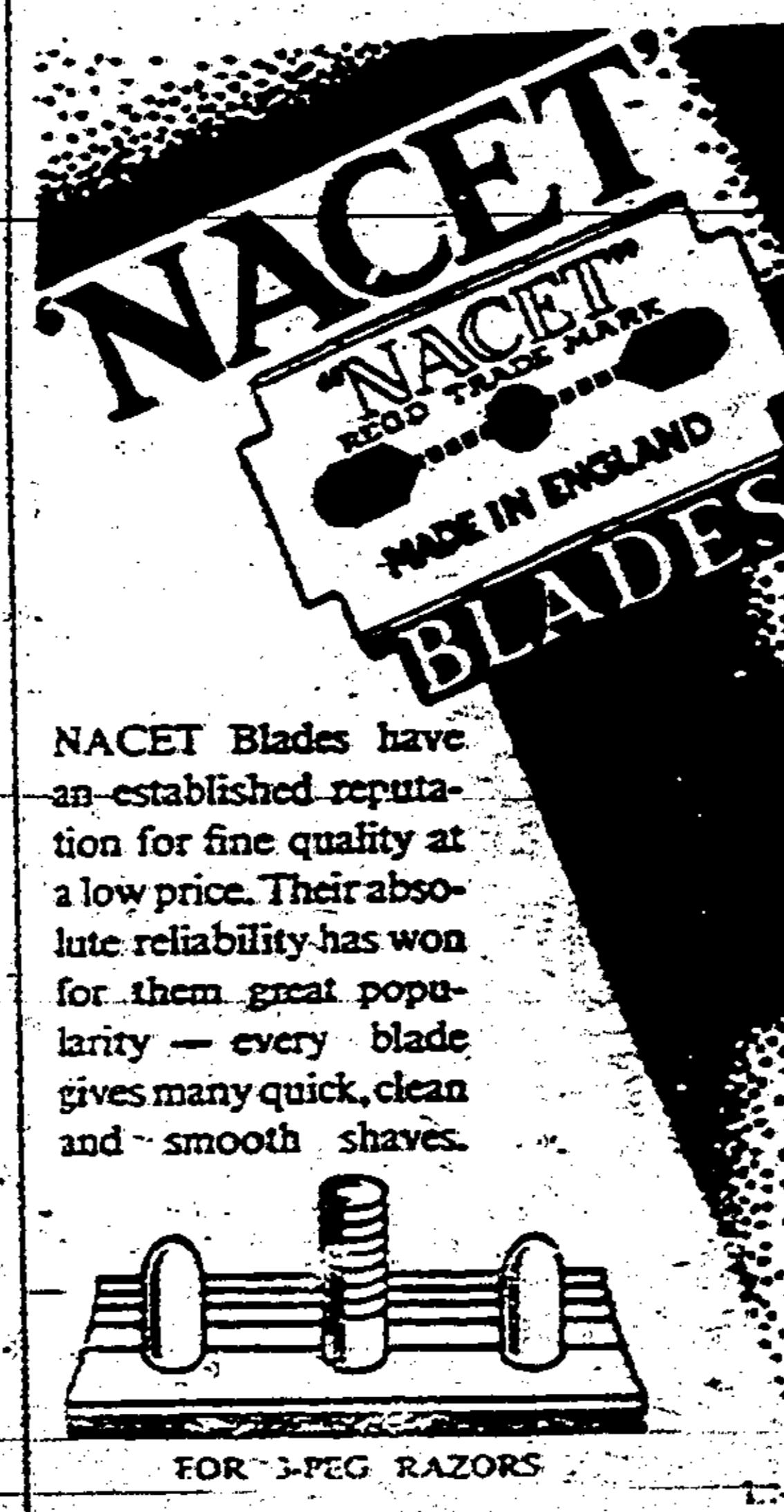
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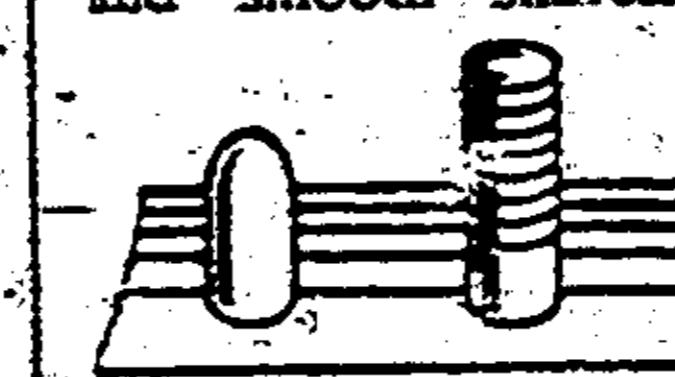
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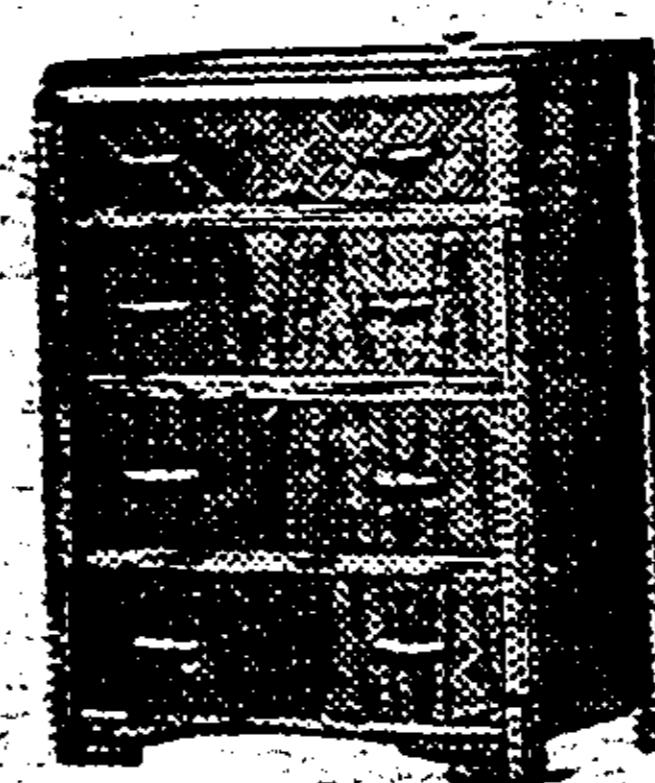
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GRAND CANAL CROSSED

Japanese Pressure On Shantung

Hankow, To-day.

The efforts of the Japanese troops in Central and North China are now concentrated on an ambitious plan to conquer Shantung Province, which is rich in minerals.

From their base on the Yangtse, the Japanese are reported to be advancing, by forced marches, north along the railway from Pukow to Tientsin, after having occupied the more important towns on the northern bank of the Yangtse between Nanking and the sea.

A second line of communications south into Shantung is being utilised by the Japanese, in

If the Japanese succeed in forcing their advance towards the north is the Yellow River defences, they will be able to attack the important railway junction of Hsuehchow simultaneously from north and south.

Trans-Ocean.

GRAND CANAL CROSSED

It is stated that Japanese have crossed the Grand Canal at two places, and have occupied Hsien-yuehiao, while other Japanese forces have advanced north from Icheng, west of Yengchow, and have captured Chunchow and Tuyi.

The Chinese put up a good fight at Tuyi but were technically inferior to the enemy, and were eventually compelled to withdraw.

Messages from Shantung report large Japanese troop concentrations on the north bank of the Yellow River preparatory to an advance Trans-Ocean.



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It is officially believed that two Japanese troop-carrying transports have arrived in Bias Bay, but it is not known definitely, at present, whether the troops are being landed.

TERUEL OFFENSIVE

Paris, To-day.

In spite of censorship, it seems that the Republican surprise offensive against Teruel has been extremely successful, and has given General Franco a severe set-back.

The fighting has been bloody and the casualties heavy on both sides, but the Republican offensive has had its desired result, namely,

checkmating of the impending Nationalist large-scale attack "which was to have finished the war."

LADYBIRD INQUIRY RESULT NOT DISCLOSED

Shanghai, To-day.

Major-General Harada announced to-day that he has been instructed from Tokyo to suspend announcement of the findings in the Ladybird incident pending conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations at present in progress in Tokyo. — Reuter.

CAPT. SUZUKI STILL IN HOSPITAL

Captain T. Suzuki, of the Japanese Army, attached to the local Consulate-General, is still in the Majima Hospital following the border incident on Sunday, suffering from dislocation of the shoulder.

It is revealed that another Japanese, Mr. Kobota, accompanied the party, but neither he nor the British officers were badly hurt.

It is indicated that the Consulate-General do not attach any significance to the incident, and that the party may have strayed, by accident, into Chinese territory.

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